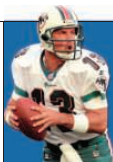


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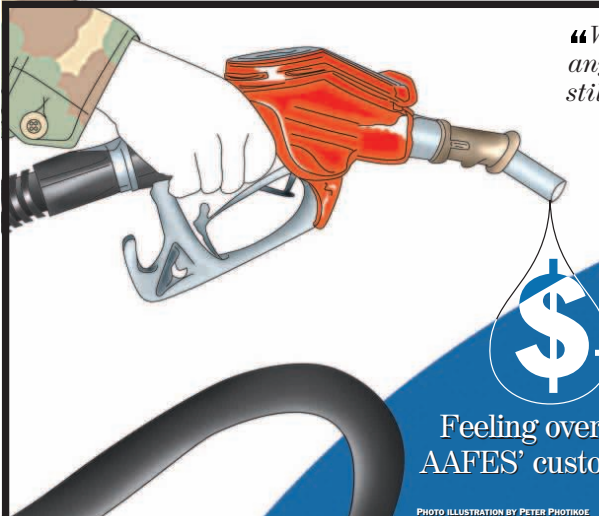
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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Robert Blake trial: The prosecution in Robert Blake's murder trial in Los Angeles re-enacted the shooting of the actor's wife to show jurors where the bullets came from and in what position she was seated when they were fired.

Deputy District Attorney Shellie Samuels took on the role of Blake's slain wife Friday, sitting in a chair while Rod Engler, a crime reconstructionist, demonstrated how Bonnie Lee Bakley was struck by two bullets.

On cross-examination, defense attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach challenged the accuracy of Engler's calculations, pressing him on whether he took into consideration that Bakley's body in the car may have been moved by someone who tried to help her.

Gay marriage in N.Y.: A judge struck down a New York law banning same-sex marriage, saying it violates the state and U.S. constitutions to deny a gay couple a marriage license solely because the two are of the same sex.

Friday's ruling, the first of its kind in New York, would clear the way for gay couples to wed if they survive on appeal.

Human smuggling trial: A judge in the Houston trial of a New York man accused of driving and abandoning a hot, airless tractor-trailer in the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt agreed Friday to allow two juries in the case.

U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore, in granting the request by defense attorneys for Tyrone Williams, ruled that his trial would begin Monday, but prosecutors planned to appeal her decision, possibly prompting another delay in the case.

Under Gilmore's ruling, one jury would decide whether Williams is guilty or innocent of any of the 58 counts of harboring and transporting illegal immigrants he faces. If Williams were found guilty of any charges that carry a possible death sentence, another jury would be chosen for that decision.

Semester-at-Sea incident: A ship filled with hundreds of college students that was damaged last week by stormy seas will remain in Honolulu Harbor for repairs and inspections until at least Sunday, Jim Lawrence, a spokesman for the ship's technical managers, said Friday.

An assessment by marine technicians showed the Explorer did not suffer structural damage and remains completely seawor-

thy, said Semester at Sea, the academic program that leases the ship, on its Web site. But the ship's electrical systems still need repairs and some replacement parts have yet to arrive, Lawrence said.

A 50-foot wave on Jan. 26 injured two crew members, broke windows and damaged the vessel's controls.

Ex-governor may run again: Former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington, who resigned in 1997 after a bank fraud conviction that was later overturned — and won a pardon in 2001 from President Clinton — said he's considering another run for governor.

The onetime real estate developer and Republican who reinvented himself as a pastry chef when he left office said he began thinking about a challenge after Democratic Gov. Janet Napolitano's State of the State address.

Filipino lawsuit: A federal appeals court in San Francisco on Friday ruled against thousands of Filipinos seeking compensation for human rights abuses committed under former dictator Ferdinand Marcos, saying the money belongs to the Philippine government.

A U.S. appeals court here ruled that the 9,500 plaintiffs have no right to \$683 million in Marcos' assets that were transferred from a Swiss account to the Philippine government, because the Philippine Supreme Court has ordered that the funds be forwarded to the national treasury.

Washington governor's election: A judge allowed a court challenge to Democratic Gov. Christine Gregoire's excruciatingly close election to go forward Friday, but said even if Republicans win, he cannot order a new vote.

"The court doesn't have that authority," said Chelan County Superior Court Judge John E. Bridges, addressing a packed courtroom.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Dino Rossi and the state GOP challenged Gregoire's election, saying the contest was tainted by errors and illegal votes.

Rossi had won the original count by 261 votes and came out ahead by 42 votes in a machine recount. But to his dismay, the third and final count put Gregoire ahead by a mere 129 votes.

World

North Korea nuke talks: The presidents of the United States and South Korea agreed

during a phone call Saturday to push for an early resumption of six-nation talks to end North Korea's nuclear weapons programs.

The communist North remained defiant, describing President Bush's call for the spread of freedom in his Jan. 20 inaugural speech as a U.S. scheme to rule the world.

Gitmo detainee release: The U.S. military has freed three detainees at the U.S. prison camp in Guantanamo Bay to be freed and 25 others to remain as secret hearings were held into the cases of more terror suspects.

Hearings were held Friday for two detainees before the Administrative Review Boards, which can free prisoners if they determine they no longer pose a threat or hold significant intelligence value.

Madrid bombings investigation: A judge sent two Moroccan brothers to jail Saturday on provisional charges of collaborating with a terrorist group in connection with the deadly Madrid train bombings last year, but ordered their parents freed.

The brothers, Ibrahim and Mohamed Moustadi, are known to have had regular contacts with their maternal uncle Youssef Belhadj, 28, who authorities believe is an al-Qaida figure mentioned in a video claiming responsibility for the attacks.

Tsunami visit: President Bush on Friday announced he is sending a second delegation to visit the Indian Ocean region ravaged by tsunamis that includes his father and Bill Clinton.

Former Presidents George H.W. Bush and Clinton will visit tsunami-affected countries Feb. 19-21.

The two men are to stop in the hardest-hit nations, including Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Palestinian militant arrests: Palestinian security forces on Saturday briefly arrested three leaders of a small militant faction responsible for an attack that wounded two Israeli soldiers and Israeli critics said they were not taking strong enough action to end violence.

The arrests of three officials from the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine marked the first such detentions since new Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas was elected last month.

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Crushing gas prices fueling customer ire

AAFES defends its pricing policy: 'We're not trying to cheat anyone'

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Soon-to-be retired Air Force Master Sgt. Jamal Qaiyyim winced at the figures on the pump: \$28.95 for a little more than 14 gallons of gas.

In only four months' time, he was paying about 35 cents more per gallon for Army and Air Force Exchange Service fuel at Misawa than he was in September, when the same fuel cost \$1.64.

Since his fill-up in January, when gas cost \$1.99 a gallon, prices have dropped by about 3 cents a gallon for the month of February. But Japan customers still are experiencing sticker shock at the gas pump.

"I think they're kind of high," Qaiyyim said of fuel prices. "They say we're paying an average of what people are paying in the States, but I don't know if that's true because we're not there. I'd like to see some facts — if you say it's an average, what index are you using?"

Qaiyyim isn't the only one with questions. AAFES had to deal with a monthly gasoline pricing policy for mainland Japan and Okinawa on Oct. 1, consumer confusion and outrage have soared with climbing prices.

Customer complaints

In the latest in a series of letters to the editor about AAFES fuel prices published in Stars and Stripes, Steve Sharp of Yokota Air Base, Japan, wrote Feb. 2. "Since the Army and Air Force Exchange Service decided to 'standardize' gas prices we have purchased three tanks of gas at the local station. Why? Because I would much rather support the local Japanese economy than AAFES' bottom line."

Sharp wonders how AAFES could charge \$2 a gallon in January when the "www.doe.gov" Web site clearly says the December 2004 national average was \$1.85.

AAFES Pacific region spokesman Master Sgt. Donovan Potter said AAFES has received "more



Air Force Master Sgt. Jamal Qaiyyim keeps his eyes on the price as he fills up his car's gas tank last month at an Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas station at Misawa Air Base, Japan.

than normal" the number of calls from customers who don't believe AAFES fuel prices match current trends in the United States.

Part of the confusion stems from consumers not realizing that in Japan and Okinawa, AAFES sells only midgrade fuel, with an octane rating of 93, which costs more than regular unleaded gas, AAFES officials said.

When setting the monthly price in those two areas, AAFES refers to the Department of Energy's average cost of midgrade fuel in the States. Midgrade is the only gas available to AAFES in Japan and Okinawa "because it is what the military uses for their vehicles," said Army Sgt. 1st Class Amanda Glenn, an AAFES Pacific region spokeswoman.

"We're not trying to hide anything over here," Potter said. "We still feel it's a good value."

Public explanation

To back up that statement, AAFES explained its monthly pricing formula in more detail when announcing February fuel prices about a week ago.

"We figured we're going to start doing that because people are confused on how we do it," Glenn said.

"We want to be up front about it. This is how we do it. We're not trying to cheat anyone."

Here's how the formula worked for February: AAFES took the De-

partment of Energy average from the weeks beginning Dec. 27 and Jan. 3, 10, 17 and 24, added them together, divided by five and added what the company calls an incremental dispensing cost (about a nickel) — essentially the expense of providing fuel in an overseas location.

DOE averages are posted each Monday online at: www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/wrmp/prices_by_region_by_grade_by_formulation.html.

AAFES typically uses a rearview four-week average, except in months with five Mondays — as was the case in January.

The five-week midgrade average set by DOE during the period AAFES used was about \$1.91 a gallon. In Japan and Okinawa, after the \$0.05828 cent dispensing cost is added to that average, a gallon of gas costs \$1.96.

The math adds up. But some consumers say the logic behind the new pricing falls short.

"The whole idea of matching prices to statewide averages, when the price has nothing to do with acquiring gas from the States, boggles my mind," said Misawa Air Base contractor John Doyle.

For Japan and Okinawa gas, AAFES currently pays \$1.38 per gallon to purchase wholesale, midgrade fuel through the Defense Energy Support Center at Yokota Air Base near Tokyo.

That price is locked in by an annual contract beginning Oct. 1, AAFES officials said.

"There's no reason to reflect market costs if they're not buying it for market costs. ... It almost seems like they're capitalizing on the recent hike on gasoline prices (in the States) so they can make more profit."

John Doyle

Misawa Air Base contractor

line prices (in the States) so they can make more profit."

Included in statewide market costs are taxes, which AAFES does not pay in most overseas outlets. AAFES pays 15 cents a gallon in tax on Guam because it's a U.S. territory. According to the Department of Energy, about 24 percent of \$1.84 — the average retail price for a gallon of regular unleaded gas in December — came from taxes. Gas retailers across the United States pay state, federal and sometimes local taxes on the sale of gasoline.

Month-to-month

All overseas AAFES stations now change prices monthly based on the prior month's Department of Energy average, Potter said. "We believe that given the AAFES global responsibility, the best policy is to provide exchange customers consistency in the way this policy is applied."

NEX locks in

The Navy Exchange has not opted for a monthly pricing policy in Japan, according to Larry Boone, automotive program manager for Navy Exchange Services command. NEX's cost price through Defense Energy Support Center is "generally not reflective of U.S. cost prices, taxes considered," he said in a written e-mail response to Stars.

NEX does change prices monthly at some overseas locations, but that is because the [wholesale] price changes monthly," he wrote.

In Japan, NEX charges \$1.74 a gallon for midgrade fuel at its Navy base service stations. Like AAFES, NEX also is paying a \$1.38 a gallon for wholesale gas for fiscal 2005.

"NEX set the retail price in Japan based on a markup starting at 20 percent," Boone said. "The price is set for the year, although this year NEX set the retail price with the intent of an adjustment beginning 2005. There is no talk of an adjustment at this time."

The result: AAFES customers currently are paying 22 cents a gallon more than NEX.

The price discrepancy can be hard to swallow for some. After recently moving to Misawa from Sasebo Naval Base, Chief Petty Officer Greg Williams was shocked on his first visit to the pump station.

"Why is it 20 cents higher here than it is in Sasebo?" he remarked. "That's crazy. There's a time to make a profit, and there's a time to make a killing, and they're making a killing."

AAFES officials insist the switch to a monthly pricing formula was done in the best interest of the customer, replacing an arbitrary overseas policy with a consistent one.

"AAFES abandoned the cost-based pricing policies of the past because they were too arbitrary. The objective is to offer motor fuel prices consistent with the U.S. market," Potter said.

—Jennifer Svan

Guam and South Korea have had month-to-month fluctuations for some time. AAFES' wholesale costs in those locations change often based on the economy, exchange officials said. In South Korea, for example, the exchange buys gas from S&K Corporation in Seoul. AAFES paid the local supplier \$1.48 for a wholesale gallon of unleaded fuel and charged consumers \$1.90 last month.

Doyle said it makes sense for AAFES to change prices monthly in countries such as South Korea, where wholesale costs bounce up and down. But why, in Japan, "should we have to hold up for their contract policies in Korea when we have a different set of policies here? They're trying to standardize a concept simply because it's a concept."

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Correction

The answers to the Feb. 1 crossword puzzle were not run in the Feb. 2 editions. At left are the correct answers for the Feb. 1 crossword. Stars and Stripes regrets any inconvenience this caused.

Former Negro league star shares stories at Yokota

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Residents here are getting a vivid glimpse of the past at the outset of Black History Month.

Dennis Biddle, president of the Yesterday's Negro League Baseball Players Foundation, is on a 10-day trip to Yokota, where he's visiting schools and sharing tales about the sport's legacy in America.

On Saturday, he took part in a cake-cutting ceremony at the Yokota Community Center marking the official start of the month's activities, then headed to the Yujo Recreation Center for a brief autograph session. He was scheduled to appear at a youth clinic Sunday outside the gates with about 80 Japanese Little League players.

"We wanted to bring a little bit of living history to Yokota," said Master Sgt. Anthony Styles, the material control manager and first sergeant for AFN Yokota who personally sponsoring Biddle's visit. "That's the idea."

In 1953, Biddle became the Negro League's youngest player ever when he signed with the Chicago American Giants as a 17-year-old right-handed pitcher out of Magnolia, Ark. He won 16 games that year, and after a 15-4 campaign the following season, his contract was purchased by the Chicago Cubs.

He reported to the club's spring training facility at Mesa, Ariz., in February 1955. On the first day, Biddle broke his left ankle in two places while sliding into third base during a base-running drill. The injury ultimately ended his baseball career, and Biddle attended college and worked for 24 years as a social worker.

In 1995, Biddle was invited to the Negro League Museum in Kansas City, Mo., for the 70th anniversary of the league's beginning. There were 314 players still living at the time, and that's when he learned many were without retirement benefits and medical insurance of any kind.

That led me to wonder why the word 'Negro League' was never protected for and Biddle said, "People were selling a lot of memorabilia and merchandise. Anyone could use the name 'Negro League' and profit. There were rackets out there claiming to represent the players making millions of dollars off our names and likeness — and not one cent was going to those who played the game."

So I organized a group to represent the living players. In 1996, we copyrighted the Yesterday's Negro League Baseball Players Foundation, set up to get benefits to living players."

Now 69, Biddle lives in Milwaukee but travels the country, speaking at schools, colleges and military bases about the league's history. The foundation of-

fers up memorabilia such as autographed baseballs, posters, calendars and bats in exchange for donations, which are used to assist those in need.

During a stop at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., three years ago, Biddle met Styles, who was then stationed at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. Styles ultimately arranged several visits by Biddle to the Aloha State, and he's planning to bring Biddle back to Yokota in June 2006, possibly with three other former Negro League stars.

After arriving Tuesday on his first tour of Japan, Biddle made two appearances on Eagle 810 last week and also hit Yokota West Elementary School and Yokota Middle School. He spoke at a luncheon Friday for the Yokota Enlisted Spouses Club and later met with Col. Mark Schissler, the 374th Airlift Wing commander.

He was to visit students at Yokota East Elementary School on Monday, meet again with the Yokota Enlisted Spouses Club that evening and then head to Yokota High School on Wednesday afternoon. On Tuesday, he's signing autographs all day at the Yujo.

Biddle said Saturday there are 120 individuals alive today who played in the Negro League, which sprang up in the United States when major league baseball owners in the late 19th century secretly established the infamous "gentlemen's agreement" as a way to keep black players out.

"By the end of 1960, the Negro League had just died," he said. "There was no official document signifying the end, but there were no more players. All the younger players who were good enough to play were gone to the major leagues by then."

After Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947, he said, many historians and writers turned attention away from the Negro League, but the organization remained alive for another 13 years, developing future Hall of Famers like Ernie Banks, Willie Mays and Hank Aaron in the 1950s.

Biddle has written a book called "Secrets of the Negro League," which is scheduled for release at the end of the month. Additional information on the Yesterday's Negro League Baseball Players Foundation can be found on its Web site at www.ynlbpc.com.

Biddle said his purpose in life is to set the record straight within the great American pastime. "There are a lot of things out there about our league that's not true," he said. "People have distorted the real truth in Hollywood movies and books to make money off our name and likeness. Before I leave this Earth, I want to make sure young people know about the history of Negro League Baseball. That's my true work."

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Catherine Flores McCollum loads her shopping cart with meat Friday during the three-minute shopping spree she won at the Orote Point Commissary on U.S. Naval Base Guam.

Guam shopper snatches \$1,000 in free groceries

BY FRANK WHITMAN

Special to Stars and Stripes

An entry blank filled out on the spur of the moment won a Guam Commissary customer a three-minute shopping spree worth \$1,069.30.

Catherine Flores McCollum, an administrative assistant at Guam Memorial Hospital and wife of Navy retiree Steven McCollum, won the Friday shopping spree when her entry was pulled by Cookie Sechler, district manager for Webo in Guam. The contest was sponsored by Frito-Lay.

About three weeks ago, McCollum had finished shopping at the Orote Point Commissary on U.S. Naval Base Guam and was waiting for her son in the front of the store. She noticed the box for entries with a sign announcing the prize.

"Some people came in that I knew and I said, 'Hey, let's sign up for the shopping spree' and we all did," she said.

Notified the night before the spree, she and her husband canceled plans to dine out for his birthday and started plotting.

"I drew a map of the commissary," Steven said. "I broke everything down."

Sticking the plan, Catherine loaded up on seafood and steak, but time ran out before she could get to the laundry products.

"I thought I was going to pass out in the meat section," she said afterward, clearly winded. "I'm glad I gave up smoking last October."

The couple is anticipating the birth of their fourth grandchild soon, and the groceries will come in handy at the ensuing celebration, McCollum said.

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'Friendship' design contest opens

IWAKUNI MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, Japan — The theme for Friendship Day 2005 is "Share the Sea and Sky," and officials are accepting entries for the event's annual poster contest.

The contest winner will receive \$300, and the winning design will be used on all event posters and advertisements for the May 5 air show and open-base festival, which in past has attracted about 200,000 attendees a year. The contest is open to anyone, including all base personnel and the Japanese community. Artwork should reflect the theme.

Those entering must be 18 or older and may not use any copyrighted images.

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Army 1st Lt. Jeffrey Adams, right, of Baton Rouge, La., gets help from instructor Mark Fitzpatrick as he learns to ski with outriggers Friday in Windham, N.Y. Adams lost his right leg in Iraq.

BY MICHAEL HILL
The Associated Press

WINDHAM, N.Y. — Sgt. Andrew Butterworth was up on skis for the first time since losing a leg in Iraq. And almost just as quickly, he was down.

"You still want to go?" his instructor asked, helping the 25-year-old National Guardsman from Durham, N.C., out of the snow after he lost his balance.

"You bet!" Butterworth replied, rejoicing nine other soldiers making their way down the beginners' hill Friday at Windham Mountain in the Catskills.

The men, most of whom lost legs in Iraq or Afghanistan, are getting a three-day free pass to ski and stay in the Catskills under a program that's part rehab, part "thank you" and part rigorous R&R.

"We don't quit," said 1st Lt. Jeffrey Adams, who lost his left leg. "If we quit, we'd be in the hospital quicker, and that's kind of useless." The soldiers came up from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, many of them healing from grenade attacks and roadside bomb explosions. A local chapter of Disabled Sports USA, the Adaptive Sports Foundation, helped raise \$16,000 to cover the soldiers' flight, food and lodging.

Most of the men are in their 20s. Some had skied before their injuries. Others, like Baton Rouge, La. native Adams, hit the slopes for the first time.

"A one-legged guy from Louisiana trying to ski," he said. "It's going to be fun."

Adams, 25, lost his left leg about eight inches below the hip in November from a roadside improvised explosive device in Baghdad.

Butterworth lost his right leg above the knee in November when a rocket-propelled grenade hit a gap in the armor of his Bradley near Kirkuk. "Kind of a lucky shot," he said.

Both men were fitted for one foot, one ski and two outriggers, which look like crutches with small skis at the bottom. Disabled skiers use them for balance and braking.

Most of the soldiers have been wounded within the past year, which adds to the challenge of skiing, said ASP executive director Cherisse Young.

"You're also going to deal with more of the emotional issues as well ... depression, the 'Why me?' scenario. I can't do what I used to do, that kind of stuff," Young said. "Really, what our program does is show them that they can still do it."



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Big tobacco scores court victory

By MYRON LEVIN
Los Angeles Times

The tobacco industry won a resounding victory Friday when a federal appeals court barred the Justice Department from seeking forfeiture of \$280 billion in allegedly ill-gotten gains as part of its fraud and racketeering case against the top cigarette makers.

In a 2-1 ruling, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia decided that court barred the Justice Department from seeking forfeiture in civil suits filed under the racketeering statute known as RICO. The decision does not end the massive case — the government can still seek other sanctions — but wipes out by far the

most worrisome threat to the tobacco companies.

The decision sparked wide speculation that the Justice Department may seek to settle the case rather than appeal the ruling and continue the trial.

A Justice spokeswoman declined comment, saying only that department lawyers were reviewing the decision. They could seek reconsideration by the full appeals court or file an appeal with the Supreme Court.

"We are extremely pleased that the appellate court agreed with our long-held belief that disgorgement is not an appropriate remedy," said Charles A. Blixt, executive vice president and general counsel of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. "This ruling dramatically transforms the DOJ suit."

Filed in 1999 during the Clinton administration, the suit is the largest civil racketeering suit in history and involves the biggest sum ever sought by the Justice Department in any civil case. The parties listed about 73,000 trial exhibits and took more than 300 depositions prior to trial. The government has run up legal costs of at least \$139 million; and, with their armies of top-flight corporate defenders, the tobacco companies are believed to have spent several times more.

The suit accused cigarette makers of engaging in a decades-long conspiracy to distort the risks of smoking and of second-hand smoke, of targeting minors with cigarette advertising, and of regulating nicotine levels to keep customers hooked.

Couple accused of abuse caught

INVERNESS, Fla. — A Florida couple accused of torturing and starving five adopted children — including pulling out their teeth and subjecting them to electric shocks — were captured in southeastern Utah after police tracked them through their cell phones, officials said.

John and Linda Dollar were jailed Friday in Utah on Florida warrants of felony aggravated child abuse.

The family included seven adopted children, five of whom were aged 12 and 17. Five of the children told investigators they were tortured by the couple, subjected to electric shocks, beatings with hammers and having their toenails yanked out with pliers.

Authorities said the abused five had physical injuries to back up their claims and were severely malnourished. They told of being forced to sleep in a closet in the Dollars' bedroom because the couple accused them of stealing food and misbehaving, said sheriff's spokeswoman Gail Tierney.

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Randolph Slaughter, a body piercer at Metro Body Piercing and Tatto in Olympia, Wash., pierces the lower lip of Ashley Fagneres, 18, on Wednesday. Both Slaughter and Fagneres said they were not opposed to proposed legislation that would require parental permission for the piercing of minors in Washington state. Slaughter said his store already has voluntarily placed strict restrictions on piercings performed on minors.



AP

Piercing holes in teen dreams

Wash. law may require parental consent for piercings

By KELLY KEARSLEY

The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Rebellious teenagers may soon have another reason to curse the establishment now that a lawmaker wants to add Washington to the list of states that require parental permission before minors can pierce a body part.

Some professional piercers have taken advantage of loose regulations in more than a dozen states that let youngsters come home with a tongue stud, navel ring or pierced eyebrow without approval from Mom or Dad.

"We have teens coming in here who have issues, their piercings are all infected," said Jacob Willardson, the main piercer at House of Tatto in Tacoma. "They're getting it done at another shop or doing it themselves — either way it's happening."

State Sen. Pam Roach wants to make sure it doesn't happen anymore.

A proposed law would make it a misdemeanor to pierce minors unless their parents give permission and are present when the piercing occurs. The latter, Roach said, almost guarantees that teens won't be getting pierced in inappropriate places.

Moms just don't want to see that," Roach said.

The bill doesn't apply to ears. Several states already regulate body piercing with most requiring some type of parental consent for minors, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. The penalties vary by state.

People who illegally pierce minors in Louisiana could face hundreds of dollars in fines and up to a

year in prison. In Delaware, rogue piercers can be charged with a misdemeanor and held liable for damages.

The bill's primary purpose in Washington, Roach said, is to protect the young from infections and diseases from unsanitary piercing tools.

Beyond health, Roach added, the law will prevent young people from a pain familiar to many men bearing a tattoo of his ex-girlfriend's name — regret.

"We want to protect young people from decisions that may cause them disfigurement or contamination later in life," Roach said.

Piercing proposal

Not without mom: A proposed law in Washington state would make it a misdemeanor to pierce minors anywhere except on the ears unless their parents give permission and are present when the piercing occurs.

Not the first: Several states already regulate body piercing minors with most requiring parental consent.

Risky business? The bill's primary purpose in Washington is to protect the young from infections and diseases that can be passed from unsanitary piercing tools.

From The Associated Press

relationship.

New piercings require scrupulous care to prevent infections, and Slaughter makes sure teenagers and their parents are ready for the responsibility.

"I'll even ask students if they have good grades," Slaughter said. "You have to be responsible enough to take care of it."

Hundreds flock to meet Thurmond's daughter

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Knowing his own family history, Dwight Hanna identifies with Essie Mae Washington Williams, the daughter of the late U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond and the Thurmond family's black maid.

Hanna's grandmother was the child of a white father and a black domestic worker — a story not so unusual in the South.

"Whether we accept it or not, it happened. It's not as shocking to Southerners because we're aware of it from having stories passed down," said Hanna, who was among hundreds of people willing to wait Friday evening for Williams to sign copies of her book, "Dear Senator: A Memoir by the Daughter of Strom Thurmond."



Williams

positive."

Phoebe Cooper, 29, brought her two children to witness "a great example of black history."

Fans pay big bucks to sleep near game

By MIKE SCHNEIDER

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Rudy Inman ditched his old sheets and towels and purchased Ralph Lauren linen. He stocked his fridge with cheese and fruit, and bought new terry-cloth robes for every bedroom.

But he doesn't get to enjoy any of it, just yet.

The luxuries are reserved for the complete strangers from Pennsylvania who are shelling out \$18,000 to stay four days at his riverside home during the Super Bowl.

"I want to treat them the way you would in a top hotel," said Inman, an attorney.

Hundreds of residents are opening their homes — for a fee — as corporate sponsors, VIPs and wealthy Super Bowl fans look for alternatives to hotel rooms.

Though Jacksonville is hardly the first Super Bowl city where residents have rented out their homes to fans, it is the smallest city to host the game. The metropolitan area has just 35,000 hotel rooms for the more than

100,000 fans expected to show up for the game.

Five cruise ships docked in the St. Johns River will ease the crunch somewhat, but private homeowners like Inman are hoping to take up some more of the slack.

"There were no great hotel options," said Richard Tavoso, who runs a trading group on Wall Street. He was coming to Jacksonville from New York with a group of 10 college friends, co-workers and his brother.

Tavoso's group is paying \$12,000 to stay four days in a five-bedroom home, on the ninth hole of a golf course, that belonged to the high school buddy of Tavoso's co-worker.

Other out-of-towners found homes via eBay, in the classified ads of the Jacksonville newspaper and through Coldwell Banker. Walter Williams Property Rentals, the official home rental management company for the Jacksonville Super Bowl Host Committee.

"Our phones have been ringing off the hook," said Walter Williams Jr., the firm's owner.



AP

A Pennsylvania family is paying Rudy Inman \$18,000 to rent his Jacksonville, Fla., home for four days during the Super Bowl.

Visiting writers slam Super Bowl host city

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Taking potshots at little of Jacksonville has become as much a part of Super Bowl week for out-of-town writers as keeping an eye on New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady for possible hangnails.

The smallest market to ever host the game has been easy fodder for some who've delighted in painting Jacksonville as a backward, redneck burg with either a Waffle House or a Hothers on every corner.

The Florida Times-Union has been printing excerpts of what outsiders are saying about Jacksonville this week, and its own writers have fired back.

Among the nay-sayers: "Here's a quick breakdown of Super Bowl Week in Jacksonville," wrote Bill Simmons of ESPN.com. "The positive: The locals have been extremely nice. The negatives: Everything else."

"Putting a Super Bowl in Jacksonville makes about as much sense as having the Olympics in Havana or the World's Fair in Tikrit," wrote Dan Shaughnessy of The Boston Globe, calling it a "yaboo town with no apparent borders."

Times-Union op-ed columnist Ron Littlepage has kept track of the negative stories and responded this week in a daily column titled "Oh Yeah?"

"Hopefully not everyone took it terribly seriously," he said. "It's meant in fun."

Spirits soar as Boston fans hope to cap banner year, Page 23

FACES

Accuser claimsto have tapes with Cosby

BY NICOLE W. EGAN
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — The Canadian woman who has accused Bill Cosby of drugging and groping her has taped conversations with him that occurred after she reported the offense to authorities, sources have told the Philadelphia Daily News.

The conversations were initiated by Cosby and support her allegations, sources said. Dolores Troiani and Bebe Kivitz, the Canadian woman's attorneys, turned over copies of the tapes to the Montgomery County, Pa., prosecutor's office a couple of weeks ago, sources said.

Troiani and Kivitz declined to comment on the tapes. Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce L. Castor Jr. was out of town and could not be reached for comment. Montgomery County First Assistant District Attorney Risa Vetri

Ferman did not return a phone call requesting comment.

Walter Phillips Jr., Cosby's Philadelphia attorney, declined comment.

Castor is expected to announce sometime next week whether charges will be filed against Cosby "or anyone else."

Cosby and the alleged victim met through her work at Temple University. She was director of operations for the women's basketball team while Cosby is a close friend of Dawn Staley, the women's coach, and a regular attendee at the games.

On Jan. 13, the alleged victim told Canadian cops that Cosby drugged and sexually assaulted her at his Elkins Park, Montgomery County, home, according to a police report. Canadian cops erroneously referred the case to Philadelphia police, who forwarded the report to Cheltenham Township authorities.

The alleged victim said she was out to dinner with Cosby and others at a local restaurant sometime last January, the Philadelphia police report said. Afterward, Cosby invited her to return to his home, the report said. She said she complained of "stress and tension" and he offered her some pills. She took them and became "dizzy and sick," the report said.

Cosby helped her to a sofa, where she rested. After that, she said, her memories are fuzzy but she recalls Cosby "touching her breast and placing her hand on his penis," the report said.

She said she awoke about 4 a.m. with "her clothing in disarray and her bra undone," the report said. She then drove herself home. She only saw Cosby once after that, her attorney, Dolores Troiani, said.



Pop star Michael Jackson departs the Santa Barbara County courthouse for a lunch break during the first day of jury selection in his child molestation trial in Santa Maria, Calif.

At Jackson trial, media settles in for long haul

BY JAMES RAINEY

Los Angeles Times

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — The international media beamed the news from this modest county seat around the globe and it amounted to this: Michael Jackson wore a white suit. Then he wore a black suit. He appeared serious. And so did many Santa Barbara County residents, determined to stay off a jury that may take five months to decide whether the pop star is guilty of molesting a teenage boy.

With 500 journalists and two dozen satellite trucks laying siege to the Royce R. Lewellen Justice Center earlier this week, some wondered: What happens when real news breaks out? Jury selection only begins in earnest next week, at the earliest, and Jackson himself could take the witness stand somewhere down the line.

Journalists assigned to the trial

seem alternately energized, appalled and bemused by the spectacle they are helping to create. They might be alarmed, but many have come to accept their fate, trapped inside the celebrity infotainment machine.

It's a place where Fox News' Geraldo Rivera declares Jackson the victim of an "avalanche of injustice" and promises to shave his mustache if the pop singer is convicted. It's where Court TV's Nancy Grace furrows her brow and waves her small fist to show how she would respond if a grown man tried to get in bed with her nephew. It's where Vanity Fair's Maureen Orth, in a radio interview, describes how the defendant's sense of right and wrong may be skewed by a case of "situational narcissism."

The television headlines pace the narrow, fenced press pit in front of the courthouse along with hundreds of reporters from main-

stream newspapers and television stations. If the lines between information and advocacy had already become indistinct, this trial should make them fuzzier still.

Witness the arrival at Santa Maria of the justicysystem.net. Former Jackson defense attorney Mark Geragos owns a principal interest in the video-streaming Web site, which has deployed three Jackson boosters to file dispatches from the trial.

Many establishment journalists get uneasy being thrown in with such alternative media. But none of them are going away anytime soon. All seem to agree, more or less, with the assessment of Nick Pappas of News Limited, Australia's 10-million-reader newspaper chain.

"Michael Jackson is the biggest fall from grace we have had in the popular culture in some time," said Pappas, as he waited for a press credential. "This is as big as it gets."

Thousands line up for shot at Stewart show

BY NICOLE G. RAY

Newbury

NEW YORK — Large Marjorie Alway In Charge — as her friends call her — says she has what it takes.

Majorie Cozart, as she is formally known, believes that her ability to organize events and her skill at arranging flowers should win her a spot on a new "Apprentice" show featuring Martha Stewart.

Cozart was the first woman to be named "Apprentice" in the show's history. She is currently the only woman in the show's history to be named "Apprentice" in the show's history.

"Every time I watch 'The Apprentice,' people say 'Majorie, you should try out,'" said Cozart, 33, who stood in line for hours Friday morning in downtown Manhattan to do just that.

"I am resourceful and creative," said Cozart, who lives in Harlem and works as an executive assistant. "Whatever people give me, I take it and run with it."

Cozart was among the thousands who waited in line for an opportunity to be cast in "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart," an NBC spin-off patterned after Donald Trump's successful reality show. The new show will retain much of the flavor of the original series. The style, however, will be tailored to suit the personality of the decorating diva.

Applicants were decked in business suits and dress shoes and carried manila envelopes. Professionalism seemed to be key, as most said it is about creating an impression. After waiting in line, they were ushered for group interviews.

"It's more artistic than Donald Trump's show," said a hopeful Kristin Reigh, 28, an actress who moved to Manhattan from Orlando, Fla., last summer.

And while Trump is known on his show for the "You're fired!" phrase, Reigh said Stewart's should be "You're color-blind," for those who fail to prove their artistic flair.

Hopeful proteges also said that Stewart's prison record would not affect the show.

Benefit concert

Deanna Favre has faith. Since being diagnosed with breast cancer last year, the 36-year-old wife of Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre wears a bracelet in support of breast cancer awareness with the words

"Hope, Faith and Love." "She spends her whole life helping other people. Everything is about faith, family, friends; basically in that order," said Beth Seymour, executive director of the Brett Favre Foundation.

Although the couple usually hosts a charity dinner at their Hattiesburg, Miss., home each year, Seymour said the foundation decided to do things a little differently this year.

Seymour said the board selected a larger location — the Grand Casino in Biloxi, Miss. — and a big-name entertainer — Faith Hill.

"Because Deanna has so much faith and she loves Faith Hill, I thought it couldn't be more perfect," Seymour said.

Hill, a native of Star, Miss., agreed to be the headlining performer for free, Seymour said.

Trained by exorcist

Hollywood star Keanu Reeves said he trained with an exorcist for his latest film, "Constantine," and he was relieved that no supernatural forces plagued the movie set.

"There were no paranormal events that took place on the film that I know of. Thank God!" said Reeves, 40, who plays the title character in "Constantine."

Reeves — a man who battles to send demons back to hell.

He described his character as a "world-weary" and "nihilistic guy with a heart of gold."

Adapted from a DC Comics series, the film will have its world premiere in Hong Kong Tuesday.

10 days before its opening in the United States.

Nabbed on drugs

The son of the late singer Ray Charles was arrested Thursday for alleged drug possession and being under the influence of cocaine, authorities did not provide any other details or say whether he would be charged.

Robinson was released on \$1,000 bail.

From The Associated Press

Cosby



Stewart

YOUR MONEY

Fuel: As gas costs go up, so do complaints

FUEL, FROM PAGE 3

AAFES Pacific Rim Region commander Col. Michelle Gardner-Enc stated in a news release last year that prior to the implementation of the Japan policy, only AAFES' gas prices in Okinawa, Japan, Turkey and the Azores were set for the entire year. "As a result, the down swings in the market that reflected lower prices did not impact in these four areas," she said.

With current gas prices in the region, AAFES earns from a high of about 48 cents on the gallon in Japan to about 12 cents on Guam, based on wholesale and dispensing costs.

In fiscal 2004, AAFES gasoline consumption in Japan, South Korea, Guam and Okinawa averaged about 1.66 million gallons a month, down about 1 percent from 2003, according to Potter, who said average monthly consumption has been steady over the past several years.

Helping MWR

While AAFES does generate profits on gas, "100 percent of those earnings are returned to customers" via Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs and capital expenditures to fund AAFES, Glenn said.

About 67 percent — or \$229 million — of the exchange's earnings in fiscal 2003 was returned to the services in the form of MWR dividends. In the Pacific, AAFES returned more than \$31 million to Pacific MWR programs, Potter said, with \$4.7 million earmarked for the Air Force, \$15.2 for the Army and \$11.8 for the Marine Corps.

But the MWR justification doesn't sit well with some customers upset over higher fuel prices.

Official: AAFES' petrol price hikes not increasing revenues for MWR

BY LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials haven't seen any extra money from AAFES' increased gas prices and don't expect to see any, either. Part of AAFES' mission is to generate supplemental funds for both Army and Air Force MWR programs.

Jeff Dalby, financial director for the Army Community Family Support Center, said the exchange system usually sends its funding two months behind their sales cycles, so officials just now are seeing the first payments since the gas prices started to rise.

So far, Dalby said, officials don't notice any significant increase in their checks. "And we really can't see something as specific as the gas profits," he

Doyle said MWR funds should be derived from profits stemming from MWR programs.

"If the programs are not for profit, but provide a valuable service, such as a morale-booster program, then the funding should come from the defense budget," he said. "The programs are there to the benefit of servicemen, therefore DOD should be funding MWR, if it don't currently do so."

Some consumers who don't benefit from MWR claims do not dispute these accounts with Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Please don't those of us at Tori Station see very little of this dona-

said. "We're looking at it in aggregate. And there are so many things that can affect their profits."

If certain items become popular quickly, or if a downturn in the dollar's exchange rate sends shoppers away, the exchanges can see their profits fluctuate dramatically, Dalby said. "Gas is such a small percentage of all the things they sell that we probably wouldn't notice it," Dalby said.

The AAFES funding represents most of the Army MWR operational budget and also goes toward building construction and education projects — both behind-the-scenes costs most troops don't see, Dalby said. It typically is not used as direct funding for programs and events; Dalby said that money comes from Defense Department appropriations and other revenues.

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tion and the tennis courts at Kadena Air Base are in the poorest possible condition a person could play on," wrote Tom Lipsey of Tori Station, Okinawa, in a recent letter to Stars and Stripes.

Doyle said it's all about perception: "If people don't know that the (wholesale) price is set at \$1.38, then they're thinking that AAFES is buying it for close to what it is in the States and that their price is going to go up because for everybody else it is."

Quayim, the Misawa motorist, said if someone told him AAFES paid \$1.38 for a whole gallon of gas in Japan, "that would be trying to start a fight."

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Printer is key to 'file to print' tool

Q. I recently got a new notebook computer and could definitely use the "print to file" feature if I could only get it to work. When not connected to the printer, the computer hangs up. When connected, it creates a file that will not print. I used to have a freeware TSR that was very handy for this type of purpose.

— Roger Kemps
A. Here is that drill, and where you went wrong: To get Windows to print text files to special print files in the PRN format for later use, you need to add a printer called Generic. So click on Start and then Control Panel and open the Printers and Fax icon.

Pick Add a Printer in the pane at the left. Select the Printer in the list prompt and clear the button that asks if you want Windows to look for a plug-and-play printer.

Next comes the key step of designating a printer port. This likely is at the root of your problem. Make sure you do not use the recommended default, which is LPT1, but rather scroll down the list of ports to USB001, which is the port most printers now use. In the box that comes up next showing your printer model, scroll down to Generic.

Now click Do Not Share This Printer and then say No when asked to print a test page. Now you can open a document that is prepared in text mode and click File/Print and then select Print to File. This will create a file in the DOS-type PRN format for later printing simply by giving it a click.

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FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk High	52-wk Low	
10,858.1	9,766.40	Dow Jones Industrial	10,781.81	+123.1	+1.16	+2.15	11,000	9,000	
3,823.96	2,743.46	Dow Jones Transportation	3,919.81	+138.3	+3.51	+27.20	4,000	2,500	
248.82	259.88	Dow Jones Utilities	259.79	+4.15	+1.59	+5.32	+8.02		
7,273.18	6,211.33	NASDAQ Composite	7,217.43	+141.1	+3.97	+5.45			
1,548.82	1,358.74	Amex Index	1,447.66	+138.2	+2.53	+8.02			
2,191.69	1,529.82	NYSE Composite	2,066.66	+202.1	+4.11	+4.08	+1.00		
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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		
Japanese yen (Feb. 7)	101.00	
South Korean won (Feb. 5)	1,001.00	
Euro (Feb. 7)	1.3317	
Dollar base (Feb. 7)	+0.7599	
British pound (Feb. 7)	\$1.54	
Commercial rates		
Bahrain (Dh)	0.377	
British pound	\$1.5785	
Canada (Dollar)	0.643	
Denmark (Krone)	5.7392	
Egypt (Pound)	\$1.2870	
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.896	
India (Rupee)	46.34	
Indonesia (Rupiah)	1,610.75	
Japan (Yen)	101.00	
Kuwait (Dinar)	3.7501	
Norway (Krone)	6.9317	
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7501	
Singapore (Dollar)	1.0295	
South Korea (Won)	1,001.00	
Thailand (Baht)	38.48	
Taiwan (New Dollar)	24.63	
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Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Picking the right jeweler

NEW YORK — Even if you're a seasoned buyer of jewelry and know what you're looking for, you'll still need a qualified, reputable jeweler to make your purchase of the genuine article.

There are several things to do before you buy, according to Alexander Angelle, a spokesman for the Gemological Institute of America, which created the four Cs — color, clarity, cut and carat — used as standards of diamond value today.

First, don't settle for just a salesperson. Find a jeweler who is knowledgeable about the complexities and nuances of diamonds and other stones. Beware of sellers who talk only in generalities, not about a specific diamond's worth. "Diamonds aren't a commodity," Angelle said.

Then, he added, "ask about or look for some indication of qualifications." Ideally, your jeweler should have a gemologist graduate or professional degree from an accredited school, such as the GIA.

Thoroughly read the item's diamond grading report. A complete report should give details about all the factors affecting the diamond's quality and value. If your diamond has been laser-inscribed for verification if it's lost or stolen, that code may also be included in the documents. Look for a report from the GIA or a qualified jewelry appraiser.

Ask for purchase details. Some jewelers will allow you to come back and trade in or trade up your diamond, even years after a purchase. Others will only accept returns or exchanges within a set period of time.

Either way, get all the information before you buy. Keep your receipt and details of the purchase in a safe place.

OPINION

Sex, politics and Sen. Clinton's ambitions

BY MARGARET CARLSON
Los Angeles Times

I was trying to think of a person other than Hillary Rodham Clinton whose fainting would be breaking news on three continents. George and Laura, yes. Sen. John McCain, maybe. Jennifer Aniston? Possibly, if her swoon followed the sighting of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie en flagrante.

My point is that Hillary is in a class by herself, and not just because she powered through two more speeches that day. Her historic move — straight from the East Wing to the U.S. Senate — brought her one-name fame and made her the brightest star in the political firmament. If she wants the nomination, she is likely to get it, thanks to superior organization, fund raising and a base as solid as President Bush's. If she does, gleeful Republicans and some frantic Democrats forego a general-election loss reaching McGovernesque proportions.

What the glee and worry don't take into account is how shrewdly Hillary is repositioning herself, in sharp contrast to the rest of her party. Sure, she carries a lot of baggage and attracts visceral resentment not limited to insecure males. But remember that Richard Nixon used the exposure of a presidential campaign to offload some of the heaviest baggage in American political history.

Religion is now so central to our politics that every candidate prays like Voltaire on his deathbed just to cover his bets. This comes easily to Hillary, who's naturally self-righteous and a sincere, lifelong Methodist. For a while, she's been a regular at the Senate's weekly prayer breakfasts, clutching her own well-worn Bible, sometimes even holding hands with Sen. Lindsay Gra-

ham, R-Sc., chief among her husband's tormentors.

To get right with the military, which never forgave her husband for his "don't ask, don't tell" doctrine, she chose to be on the Armed Services Committee. On weekends, instead of hanging around the house in Chappaqua, she visits bases.

But nothing shows off her third-way skills more than her recent proclamation on abortion, which she called "a sad, tragic choice" that should "never have to be exercised, or only in very rare circumstances."

The speech surprised many who have long known her as a die-hard feminist but, in fact, it may have been brilliant. Democrats desperately need to recover some of the ground they lost when Republicans forced a vote to ban partial-birth abortion, a rare but gruesome procedure. In thrall to Kate Michelman and NARAL Pro-Choice America, many Democrats voted no because they could only see the hypocrisy of pro-lifers who also oppose condoms and turn a blind eye to those who would kill a doctor to protect a zygote.

What Hillary is saying now is that no matter how specious their partial-birth abortion ban, she recognizes that the world has changed since Roe v. Wade. She voted against the ban, but apparently now sees the light. Babies can now survive at 24 weeks, and yet "the health of the mother" exception has grown so large that a teenager seven months pregnant could slip through. Hillary hopes to appeal to that huge swath of voters who want to protect abortion but see themselves as pro-life.

In the same Jan. 24 speech, Hillary tried to turn the spotlight back on the sexual hypocrisy of the other side by bringing up the



bill she co-sponsored that would correct the ridiculous exclusion of birth control pills from insurance coverage, a lapse even more absurd now that the Bush administration's new drug benefit is going to cover erectile dysfunction pills. No to Ortho-Novum, which can prevent unwanted pregnancies, and yes to Viagra, which can, well, I won't go into it.

How's that for a mixture of sex discrimination and bad health policy? The little pink pill was excluded as a "lifestyle" drug. As you watch the ads for Cialis, you decide what those little blue pills are for.

Sometimes Hillary is a victim of sexual politics; sometimes she exploits them. But so far, she hasn't transcended them. Once

again, her husband, who she once said "was a hard dog to keep on the porch," is off, first to Sri Lanka as a U.N. envoy and, if so, to become United Nations secretary-general.

That effort makes you wonder whether Bill has signed on to a clever "stop Hillary" movement, or whether he sees the U.N. job as a way to assure potential Hillary voters that he will be too busy to interfere in domestic affairs, or to conduct one.

I bet the latter. And I think it's about time he helped her. She's not just building a tent big enough to bring back some of those centrist voters for whom her party moved too far left, but for one big enough to keep the dog on the porch.

Bad time to be the messenger — or his message

President Bush said in his State of the Union speech last week that Social Security is heading toward bankruptcy, and, astonishingly, Democrats sitting in the House chamber booed. It was as if

Jay Ambrose

there had been a warning system in Indonesia that a tsunami was coming, but instead of running for their lives when it sounded, those on the beach continued to do the thing. Stupidly, stupidly cursed it.

If the Democrats stick with this denial and are able to defeat reform through the pretense that nothing

much is amiss, the nation eventually will learn the hard way just how right Bush was. As Bush pointed out, Social Security is a pay-as-you-go system. Despite Franklin Roosevelt's trickery to the effect that each worker had his own account, workers transfer a portion of the money they earn to Social Security beneficiaries. For a long time, this way worked. ... For every beneficiary, there were 16 workers contributing payroll taxes to the beneficiary's pocketbook.

Then there was the post-war baby boom and on top of that, vast numbers of people are now totting up four-score years of age and more. Today, we have three workers supporting each beneficiary. In a few more decades, Bush reminded us, there will be just two. A colleague of mine joked in a column once that each retiree would ultimately be dependent on just one worker. Choose your worker well, he joked — make sure this person is healthy, ambitious and

well-equipped to earn a robust wage.

But of course it is no joke that, by 2018, the amount due beneficiaries will outstrip the amount coming from the payroll taxes of workers. It will be double-whammy time. You will have to come up with tens of billions of dollars to pay the retirees and tens of billions of dollars to help finance other programs in the federal budget that were supported in part by the Social Security surplus.

Some people think the answer to the first part of the problem is simple. Just turn to the trust fund and take out those Social Security surpluses that have been mounting over the years. The problem is ... [t]o get the money without prior reform, you are going to have to either tax or borrow or some combination of both, and the kicker is that the amount will be enormous and keep growing.

What you will have to do instead is reduce

the amount to be paid to beneficiaries along with maybe finding means of providing for them besides taxes or borrowing. There is a need to actually, making sure to hold safe anyone now receiving benefits or within a decade's reach of them, so that those affected by adjustments have time to adjust themselves. Bush thrust over several possibilities suggested in the past by Democrats, such as tying the amount of benefits to prices rather than wages or increasing the retirement age.

Bush has another, excellent idea. It is to establish voluntary, individual retirement accounts for younger workers. When the proposition is brought up, a number of seemingly sophisticated commentators practically do back flips to show they don't understand something basic. They avow that if you allow this money to be invested, you are removing it from Social Security. But you aren't.

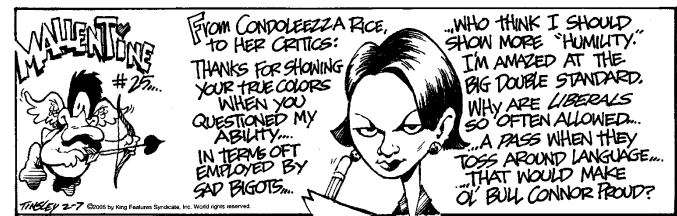
Along with the interest it will almost surely earn over the years, it will be used to pay future retirees. It stays in the system. It's true that the portion that goes for the accounts won't be available to pay current retirees and that we are thus brought closer to the day of reckoning. That day, however, is certain to come at any rate and, meanwhile, the accounts will do something significant to fix and improve Social Security.

Of course, if you believe beyond all reason are evidence, and that there is no cause for concern, you can justify your obstructionism. You can just stand on that beach and watch that big wave come at you. It won't be just coming at the Democratic members of Congress, however, or those Republicans who abet them. It will come at all of us.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Cold deters crime

ME WATERVILLE — The nose-numbing cold that put Maine in the deep-freeze for much of January was enough to keep many Mainers in the warmth of their homes.

It also keeps crime rates down, law enforcement officials say. In fact, crime rates generally go up and down in tandem with the rise and fall of outdoor temperatures, according to Maine Department of Public Safety statistics.

February is usually the month with the lowest crime rate in Maine, while July and August have the highest crime rates, according to Department of Public Safety statistics.

In 2003, Maine recorded 2,104 serious crimes in February and 3,387 crimes in July, a 61 percent increase over the span.

Steven Giorgetti, assistant professor of criminal justice at Thomas College, said criminals tend to be aware of their surroundings.

"They're aware they may be leaving tracks in the snow that police can follow," he said. "And they're aware it's harder to escape on a slippery winter surface. They can't run and they can't carry very fast, either."

911 for directions

LA MONROE — Jerry Wayne Till managed to get away from sheriff's deputies and elude them briefly — until he called them for help after he got lost in the woods.

A sheriff's deputy tried to pull over Till on Wednesday evening for speeding, but Till drove away, exceeding 100 mph at times, before eventually abandoning his vehicle and running into the woods, according to the arrest affidavit.

Deputies brought in search dogs, but couldn't locate Till until he called the sheriff's office from his cell phone asking for help because he was lost.

Taxes are no joke

OH MIDDLETOWN — Taxes are no laughing matter.

The city's tax superintendent has been suspected of outing pay for a week for trying to inject some humor in the city income tax filing instructions.

The attention at humor by Linda Stubbs was called "misguided" by city Finance Director John Lyons.

The forms — with such lines as, "If we can tax it, we will," — were sent to all Middletown businesses and residents who pay city income tax.

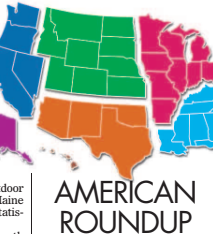
City officials didn't laugh at lines like, "Free advice: if you don't have a profit in a five-year period, you might want to consider another line of work."

Falling real estate

TX DALLAS — Back yards in a half-dozen houses surrounding an Irving lake have dropped about six feet, collapsing decks and toppling fences.

An area about 50 yards long and 10 yards wide collapsed about midnight Tuesday, dropping back yards along the southern banks of the 130-acre Vibig Lake on the south side of the Dallas suburb of Irving.

"It's like it imploded from under-



neath," said Teresa Castro, staring out at the roughly 5-foot drop about 6 feet from her home's foundation. "It's unusual. I've never seen anything like it."

No one said they heard anything to indicate anything was wrong.

Area resident Jim Ferguson lost his 16-by-16-foot wood deck and several birdbushes he had up on poles.

"The dog was out, but he apparently had enough sense to stay out."

Online beyond the grave?

WV CHARLESTON — The recording industry sued Gertrude Walton, accusing her of illegally trading music over the Internet as "smittenekitten."

But the lawsuit was filed more than a month after the 63-year-old woman died in December, and her daughter says Walton hated computers, anyway.

A group of record companies named Walton as the sole defendant in a federal lawsuit, claiming she made more than 700 songs available for free on the Internet.

Walton's daughter, Robin Chianumba, lived with her mother for the last 17 years and said her mother objected to having a computer in the house.

"I am pretty sure she is not going to leave Greenwood Memorial Park (where she is buried) to attend the hearing," Chianumba said.

Grading gripe

NV LAS VEGAS — Bob Whitney isn't willing to accept a B-minus.

He's suing the University of Nevada, Las Vegas after losing an appeal over the grade.

Bob Whitney, 52, alleges in the lawsuit that a history professor dis-

criminated against him because of his conservative values.

He seeks at least \$10,000 for emotional distress, tuition, books and living expenses University officials say the complaint filed Jan. 12 in Clark County District Court has no merit.

Whitney said the grade he got in Eugene Moehring's class in spring 2004 damaged his grade-point average and made him ineligible for student loans. He claimed Moehring's fast-paced lectures prevented him from taking complete notes, and Moehring criticized his conservatism in written assignments.

Twin creates quandary

MA BOSTON — For the second time in seven months, jurors deadlocked in the case of a man accused of rape after hearing that DNA found at the scene could have come from his twin brother.

The same thing happened in Darrin Fernandez's first trial last June. However, he was convicted on similar evidence in an unrelated rape case in 2000.

On Monday, a Suffolk Superior Court jury told Judge Thomas E. Connolly it could not reach a verdict after deliberating about 20 hours over five days. Fernandez is accused of breaking into a young woman's apartment in Dorchester in 2001 and raping her.

Budget crunch

CO DENVER — This year was supposed to be different at the Colorado Capitol.

After winning control of the House and Senate for the first time in 42 years, Democrats were promising friendly collaboration, open doors and a renewed dedication to solving the state's budget crunch. Instead, things have been ugly from the start.

On the first day of the session, Republican Sen. Norma Anderson broke tradition and voted against Democrat Joan Fitz-Gerald as Senate president. She said she was upset because Democrats had fired a popular clerk and wanted to show her displeasure.

Democrats then angered Republicans by using Google to challenge facts cited by GOP Gov. Bill Owens during his state of the state speech that Colorado's economy is improving. Just this week Democrats killed the only GOP plan to fix the state's budget woes.

Republicans called a news conference Thursday to bemoan the decline in civility and wound up shouting accusations at Democrats who showed up to listen about the need to cooperate.

One-term limit

VA RICHMOND — For the 13th straight year, legislation to allow the Virginia governor the opportunity to serve two successive terms died Friday in the General Assembly.

A proposed constitutional amendment to end the state's practice of barring governors from seeking re-election was defeated on a 5-15 vote in a House committee. While lots of states have term limits, Virginia is the only one to limit its governors to a single, four-year term.

Discouraged at the lopsided vote, the resolution's sponsor, Delegate Harry R. Purkey, withdrew four other similar measures for the year.



Fiery encounter

A firefighter battles a blaze at the California Apartments in Pleasantville, N.J. The fire demolished a building but no injuries were reported.



Musical diversion

Jon Van Arsdell warms up on the guitar on in the Capitol Rotunda before performing in the House and Senate during the 2005 Legislative Session in Santa Fe, N.M. Van Arsdell is part of the University of New Mexico's Mariachi Lobo, a band made up of students, alumni and faculty from the school.



Mardi Gras fanfare

Revelers from the Order of LaSalle's parade along Royal Street in Mobile, Ala. The pre-Lenten blowout continues along the Gulf Coast culminating in Fat Tuesday celebrations Feb. 8.

Capitol reflections

The State Capitol in Madison, Wis., is reflected in a puddle on State Street.



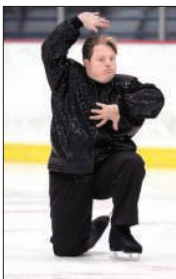
Balancing act

James Robinson, a freshman from Dunleavy High School, enjoys the time spent at the skate park at Millennium Park in Danville, Ky. The rain puddles and cold weather didn't stop skateboarders doing what they do best.



Just hanging around

Four-year-old Sydney Neusc, right, pushes her sister, Katherine, in a tire swing at Wade Park in Paris, Texas.



The big finish

Illinois Special Olympics Winter Games athlete Thomas M. Strack of Mt. Greenwood Park, Ill., reaches the finish of a portion of his level 3 Singles Figure Skating competition held at the Five Flags Center in Dubuque, Iowa.



Majestic scenery

Jon Crandall of Coram, Mont., paddles his canoe across Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park, Mont.

Tasers in schools

MN Julie Maidment is still doing the same job, protecting St. Paul, Minn., Highland Park High School as its school resource officer. She's still chatty and easy with a smile, more likely to talk kids away from trouble than to punish them.

But if you look closer, you see it — that small, bright yellow weapon on the left side of her equipment belt. On Monday, Tasers made their first appearance in Minnesota schools on the belts of St. Paul officers.

St. Paul police are putting Tasers in the schools, not as a response to any problems but as part of their ongoing effort to train and equip all their officers with the weapon, said officer Paul Schnell, a department spokesman.

Police in schools from Arizona to North Carolina, Indiana to Florida, now carry Tasers on the job.

Endangered plant

CA MARSHALL — One of California's rarest plants was nearly wiped out of existence when county workers used heavy machinery to unclog a roadside drain in the species' sole habitat.

The Baker's larkspur, a purplish plant that blooms April through May and grows up to 2 feet tall, is found in only one place in the world — near a road in western Marin County.

The damage followed heavy rains last October that pushed debris down a hillside and into the drain, flooding the road. Workers used a mechanical digger to clear the plug out into the hillside at the exact spot where most of the Baker's larkspur grows.

In minutes, a population of 100 plants was reduced to five.

Members of the Marin Native Plant Society, Marin County Public Works Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state Department of Fish and Game met Tuesday to discuss the fate of the plant and how to better protect it.

Truck strikes teens

MA BOSTON — Four high school students were injured, two seriously, when they were hit by a pickup truck as they walked in front of West Roxbury High School on Friday, police said.

The incident occurred on the VFW Parkway around 7:30 a.m., according to state police Lt. Sharon Costin. WCVB-TV reported the teens were walking on the road when they were hit. The driver of the truck said he was distracted by his 2-year-old child before he hit the teens. The station did not identify the driver.

The victims were reportedly taken to Children's Hospital.

DNA for DUI

TX FORT WORTH — Some Tarrant County police departments have begun using search warrants, in some cases, to obtain blood to test suspected drunken drivers who refuse to take a breath test.

"We have to treat DWI as a serious crime, just like we do any other crime," Sgt. Don Hanlon, supervisor of Fort Worth's traffic investigation unit, said of driving while intoxicated. "We've become accustomed to giving blood samples for DNA testing for violent

crime. This is just a continuation of that. It's evidence of a person's innocence or guilt."

He's alive!

NC RALEIGH, N.C. — A medical examiner studying a body in a morgue was startled when the man took a shallow breath.

Emergency medical technicians had declared 29-year-old Larry D. Green dead almost two years earlier, after he was hit by a car.

Medical examiner J.B. Perdue was called to the accident scene Monday but did not examine Green then. Later, he was documenting Green's injuries when he noticed the man was breathing.

Green, 29, was taken to Duke University Medical Center in Durham, where he was in critical condition Wednesday.

Several members of the Franklin County emergency medical service have been suspended pending an investigation, said Darnell Batton, the county attorney.

Big money for mummy

WY CASPER, Wyo. — A man is offering \$10,000 for the body of Pedro Mountain Mummy, a tiny set of human remains that were found in Wyoming and have not been seen in public for 55 years.

John Adolfe, of Syracuse, N.Y., said he wants the mummy so it can undergo DNA testing, X-rays and magnetic resonance imaging.

Several photos and many descriptions of the artifact remain. In its seated position, the mummy stands 7 inches tall. If it were to stand up, it would only measure about 17 inches.

Adolfe hypothesizes that modern science would prove that Pedro was an adult at the time of his death — perhaps one of the "little people" spoken of in Arapaho and Shoshone tales.

Forget good behavior

FL TALLAHASSEE — More than 50 inmates face charges and 102 were transferred after a prison brawl in which one guard was stabbed and 11 others were beaten.

The melee at the Apalachee Correctional Institution in Sneads erupted on Monday when a convicted murderer who was being questioned about a homemade knife attacked a guard, authorities said. More guards were sent into the recreation yard, where some of the almost 200 prisoners began attacking them.

Famous voice in jeopardy

NH CONCORD — Doris "Granny D" Haddock, one of the nation's most relentless voices for campaign finance reform, has been silenced by a surgery that could cost her voice.

Haddock, who ran for the U.S. Senate last year and gained national attention by walking across the country to promote campaign finance reform, underwent surgery on her windpipe Thursday.

The 95-year-old Democrat used her well-known New England-tinged voice last year to run against Republican Sen. Judd Gregg, who defeated her 66 percent to 34 percent.

Burke said the surgery was to remove blockage from Haddock's windpipe.

Stories and photos from news wires

Horoscope

The moon enters Aquarius, joining the planetary soiree going on in the sign of societal unity. Rub elbows with all kinds. The more open you are to communication, the more you learn, which is the point now. Building the intellect will in turn build society. You don't have to be serious about it, though. Much of the learning comes through osmosis.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(February 7). Sweeping changes are in store. Beginning next month, self-promotion nets you lucrative new business, bringing interesting developments in May and August and possibly leading you down an entirely new and exciting career path come October. Your social life heats up after July, with December being the most romantic month of the year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

The light bulbs of innovation click on for you, brightening your outlook and helping you see your path more clearly. Don't be surprised if it leads you to another country. Your wanderlust is pacing. Will you answer?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A steamy interlude is in the works when an intriguing someone sparks your interest, causing you to take bold action. A relative or business person could make you a financial offer you can't refuse. Think it over first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Feeling ready to take the next step in a relationship or business partnership? The mood is right to make your intentions known. Unattached Gens who've been holding back are inspired to jump into the dating game again.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Implement positive changes in your daily routine to help you do your work faster and live healthier. Small improvements like a software upgrade or drinking more water make a big difference in your ability to accomplish goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Admit it, you're dying to sink your lionfangs into a sumptuous new creative

project. Why are you waiting? The stars are shining in your favor. Just don't forget to make time for your sweetheart. Love is in the air.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Whether you mean to fully renovate your home or just buy a new comforter for your bed, you will benefit by changing the look and feel of your environment. If you can envision it, you can achieve it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Overcome a communication impasse by trying a different approach. If you're not having any luck getting your calls returned, try sending an e-mail or fax

—maybe even show up in person. Or take the Zen approach, and drop it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Don't give up if your New Year's resolution is proving harder to keep than anticipated. Forgive yourself for backsliding, and simply vow to try harder. Financial commitments are particularly slippery.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

If something in your life that used to bring you joy now feels like excess baggage, step plans into motion to change your situation. Creative brainstorming with a friend helps you see exciting alternatives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You may be harboring hidden resentment of which even you are completely unaware. If you're feeling defensive, pay attention. This is a valuable clue to help you unlock your psyche and release toxic stress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Fight for your right to party! While you're out there saving the world with your political or humanitarian causes, you're no doubt having a rockin' good time. You may even meet someone who alters the course of your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

There's no time like the present to make that big pitch or presentation and launch your career into the next dimension. If signing contracts, make sure you're happy with the terms — this deal will have long-term staying power.

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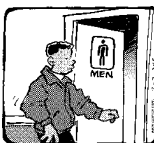
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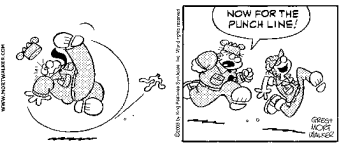
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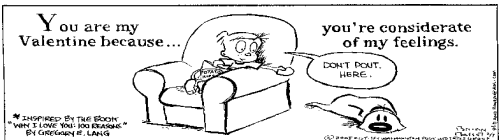
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Beetle Bailey



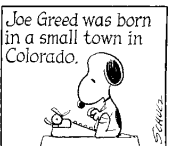
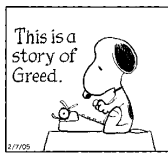
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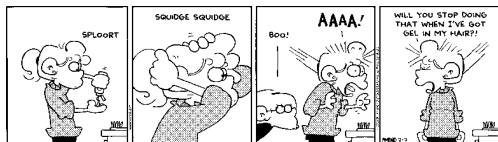
Better or Worse



Peanuts



Fox trot



B.C.



Baby Bites



Spider Man



Blondie



Dilbert



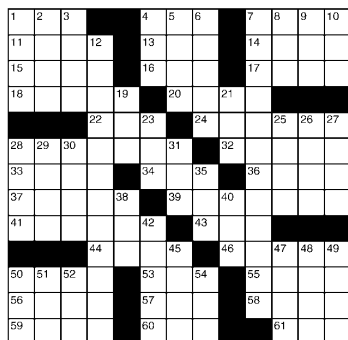
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

- 1 Beast of burden
- 4 Gellid
- 7 Took off
- 11 Engage in idling
- 13 Wish undone
- 14 Leo's comment
- 15 "Ironside" star
- 16 "Jeopardy!" juggernaut
- 17 Horribly wrong
- 18 Jennifer Garner series
- 20 Knock for a loop
- 22 Actress Peeples
- 24 Making inquiries
- 28 Nutty
- 32 Michaelmas daisy
- 33 Malaria symptom
- 34 Chart
- 36 "Got it"
- 37 Dustin Hoffman biopic
- 39 Cereal container?
- 41 Bungalies (up)
- 43 Eggs
- 44 Autocrat
- 46 Upper regions of space
- 50 Fill to the max
- 53 Prune
- 55 Characterization
- 56 New Zealand bird
- 57 Gorilla
- 58 Chester — Arthur
- 59 Fe
- 60 Moring moisture
- 61 Conclusion

Down

- 1 Actress Jessica
- 2 Devil's purchase
- 3 Agra attire
- 4 Annoy
- 5 Poolroom needs
- 6 Busyboby
- 7 "Chairman of the Board"
- 8 Depressed
- 9 Listening device
- 10 Parched
- 12 Karloff portayal
- 19 "Sprechen — Deutsch?"
- 21 Mex. neighbor
- 23 Branch
- 25 "Wonderful Life"
- 26 Opposite of "always"
- 27 Swayze's "Dirty Dancing" co-star
- 28 Ointment
- 29 Curved molding
- 30 Convert group
- 31 React to gravity
- 35 Expert
- 38 "Indubitably"
- 40 Rd.
- 42 Dieter's lunch
- 45 Double Dutch prop
- 47 Pit
- 48 Verve
- 49 Tear
- 50 Tackle moguls
- 51 Melody
- 52 Only even prime
- 54 Church sect

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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CRYPTOQUIP

V Q V T N E L W K J R R N K M V W E
T P N L M X - Q P N A X N W N P
U P L D D N P A , V ' G U L W M M X N O

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Saturday's Cryptquip: WHEN A BASEBALL RELIEVER HAS FLU SYMPTOMS, ONE COULD SAY HE TROWS AT A FEVER PITCH.
Today's Cryptquip Clue: K equals C

Confront cousin about doll theft

Dear Abby: Heartstick is the only way I can describe how I feel right now. Something very precious to me, an antique doll, has disappeared from its storage place in my bedroom and has been replaced by a similar doll that I have never seen before. The only person besides my husband who knew of its existence was my cousin "Lana." Lana and her husband have been weekend houseguests in our home for several years. A few weeks ago, we let them use our bedroom and we took the guest room.

The other day I went to the chest where I kept the doll, intending to have it appraised, and found something else in its place. I have no solid proof that Lana took it, but the circumstances and family history all point in that direction.

Yet, the doll was a family heirloom given to me by my aunt 15 years ago.

As far as I'm concerned, the

relationship between my cousin and me has been seriously affected. What should be my next step?

—Heartstick in N.C.

Dear Heartstick: Call Cousin Lana and tell her what you have told me. Perhaps she was upset that the heirloom doll wasn't given to her, or assumed that you wouldn't know the difference if another doll was substituted. Ask her to please return the original.

If she is unwilling to report the theft to the police and fill out a stolen property report.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: How do you get someone's name off junk mail lists when that person has died? My sister passed away last May. I had all of her mail forwarded to my house. I specifically contacted all the bill collectors and her friends and gave them my address, but her junk mail has found its way to me. Many of the

catalogs and charities used the same correction service, thinking my sister had moved to my address, and now they send their stuff to me.

How can I make it stop? I don't want this stuff. The Direct Mail Marketing organization says that this request cannot be made by a second party.

—Had Enough in Citrus Heights

Dear Had Enough: With a black marking pen, cross out the bar code on the envelope and write "Deceased; Return to Sender." Then put the items back in your mailbox. Eventually the senders will get the message and the unwanted mail will stop. Also, if you call the 800 numbers for the catalogs and explain the situation, most will cooperate and remove your sister's name and your address from their lists.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can email to Abby on the internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NATEC

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DYSIA

HASRIG

TENTIK

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Answer: "NATEC" "DYSIA" "HASRIG" "TENTIK"

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: ELITE APART INFECT SICKEN

Answer: Often running around a back yard — A PICKET FENCE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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Crayons not part of balanced diet

Dear Annie: I am a 35-year-old woman with four children, an advanced degree and no serious health problems, but I have compulsively and secretly been eating crayons for months. I don't mean chewing on a crayon here and there. I mean eating an entire 64-count box, and doing it several times a week. I can't stop, and I don't know why I'm doing this.

I am too embarrassed to tell my doctor, because I know he'll think I am crazy. The box says the crayons are non-toxic, but I'm really eating a lot of them. And this is a really dumb question, but are they fattening? Why am I doing this? Am I crazy? Please help.

—Crayon Freak
We have no idea how many calories are in a 64-count box of crayons, but that's the least of your worries. You may have pica, a disease that involves eating non-food substances (dirt is the most common). Pica is usually caused by a

Annie's Mailbox



nutritional deficiency, often iron or zinc, and it can sometimes occur during pregnancy. There is apparently something about the contents or texture of crayons that you crave. While crayons are considered non-toxic, they are not intended to be eaten, especially in such large quantities. You are not crazy, but you do need to see your doctor and ask to be tested. Don't wait until you finish the next box.

Dear Annie: I have been with my boyfriend, "James," for three years.

Last year, we moved in together with the understanding that we would become engaged shortly. (We're both nearly 30.) I was fully expecting that ring. A few months ago, I mentioned that I thought it was time we made definite plans. Somehow, James' mother got wind of it and freaked out. She called me, saying marriage is no guarantee that

he won't walk out on me someday. (James' parents had a rather nasty divorce when he was young.) Last night, James told me I might not be getting a ring at all. I was shocked, hurt and angry. He claims he still wants to marry me — he just can't say when. I think it all comes down to his mother. She told him it would kill her if he heard news about a marriage. I don't know what to do. I've asked him to go for counseling, but he refuses. I want this out and hope he comes around. —Lovesick

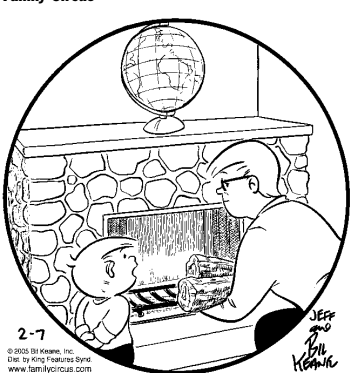
Dear Lovesick: James is tied rather tightly to Mom's apron strings.

She undoubtedly "got wind of" your marriage plans because he told her. Decide right now if you want to stay with someone whose mother will always come first, because that's the way it's going to be.

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Family Circus



"If you light that fire we're gonna have global warming."

GRAFFITI

A DO-IT-YOURSELF TRANCHANT SURGEON IS A MAN AFTER HIS OWN HEART

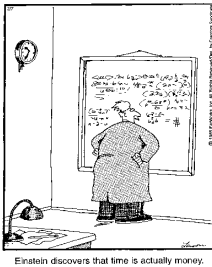
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Dennis the Menace



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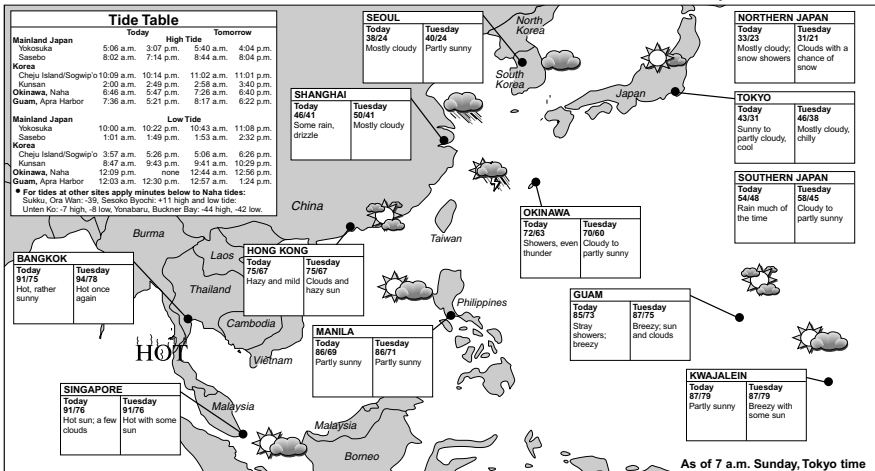
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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO
 Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 52, low 40.
 Thursday: Periods of clouds and sun, high 50, low 38.

KADENA
 Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 72, low 63.
 Thursday: Rain, high 70, low 58.

SEOUL
 Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 37, low 17.
 Thursday: Sunny, high 28, low 9.

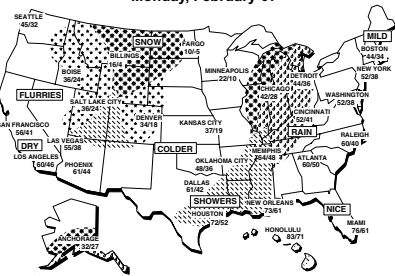
MANILA
 Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 71.
 Thursday: Periods of clouds and sun, high 86, low 71.

HAGATNA
 Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 85, low 75.
 Thursday: Showers, high 85, low 75.

Saturday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	50/34	Los Angeles	68/50
Anchorage	53/36	Little Rock	58/43
Asheville	57/28	Miami	73/58
Baltimore	56/28	Milwaukee	51/37
Birmingham	64/39	Nashville	61/37
Bismarck	35/15	New York	51/34
Boise	42/23	Omaha	60/38
Boston	48/32	Orlando	70/50
Brownsville	71/60	Philadelphia	52/32
Buffalo	43/26	Phoenix	68/49
Burlington	41/18	Pittsburgh	50/26
Charleston, SC	61/39	Portland, OR	48/38
Charlotte	63/32	Portland, ME	50/22
Cleveland	49/28	Salt Lake City	46/26
Columbus, OH	50/29	St. Louis	61/40
Duluth	41/27	San Antonio	59/53
El Paso	54/38	San Diego	68/50
Hartford	47/22	San Juan	80/70
Indianapolis	38/14	Tampa	69/50
Indianapolis	57/35	Tulsa	60/42
Jacksonville	62/38	Washington, DC	56/31
Kansas City	61/40	Wichita	59/40

Monday, February 07



U.S. Extended Forecast

Rain will move east into the Ohio Valley and Southeast on Monday, although the system producing the rain will weaken Monday night and Tuesday as it nears the strong ridge of high pressure anchored over the East Coast. Mild and generally dry weather will dominate the Eastern Seaboard through Wednesday. A storm producing rain and mountain snow along the West Coast will move through the Rockies on Monday and Tuesday, with accumulating snow in many higher elevations. This system will enter the Plains on Tuesday afternoon, bringing rain to its south and east, and snow to its north. The southern tier of the United States will be unseasonably mild through midweek.

Monday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	91/75	Iwakuni	45/40
Beijing	31/21	Kadena AB	72/63
Camp Casey	39/22	Kunsan AB	40/32
Christchurch	72/59	Kawajima	87/79
Diego Garcia	87/78	Kanagawa	86/69
Hagatna	74/63	Misawa AB	36/18
Hanoi	75/66	Osaka	38/24
Hong Kong	76/67	Perth	77/66
Honolulu	83/71	Pusan	47/37

Monday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	91/74	Budapest	30/19	Kabul	37/23
Athens	38/27	Buenos Aires	87/63	New Delhi	88/48
Auckland	72/57	Cairo	61/39	Osaka	30/20
Baghdad	59/37	Cancun	79/61	London	43/37
Barbados	85/69	Cape Town	87/62	Madrid	43/32
Barcelona	47/35	Geneva	36/27	Mexico City	78/43
Berlin	35/26	Istanbul	32/24	Montreal	40/29
Bermuda	70/58	Jerusalem	48/39	Mogadishu	93/78
Brussels	42/31	Johannesburg	83/63	Moscow	21/11
				Warsaw	30/19



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Local scoreboard

Nile C. Kinnick Invitational

At Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan
Saturday's results

Final team scores	
1. St. Mary's International, Tokyo	61
2. Nile C. Kinnick, Japan	66
3. Kadena, Okinawa	48
4. Yokota, Japan	36
5. Seoul American	29
6. Kubasaki, Okinawa, and Robert O. Edgren, Japan	20
7. Zama American, Japan, and American School in Japan, Tokyo	22
8. Brent International, Philippines	20
9. 11. Christian Academy in Japan, Tokyo	15
12. E.J. King, Japan	15
13. Faith Academy, Philippines	11

Weight-class results

101 pounds
Championship-Mike Guilfoyle, St. Mary's, defeated Reggie Baez, Kinnick, 5-1.
Third place-Jake Baez, Kinnick, 5-1.
Fourth place-Jerome Safford, Yokota, 10-9.
Fifth place-Luis Bozeman, E.J. King, defeated Chris Hoshaw, Kadena, 6-5.

180 pounds
Championship-Patrick Pamintuan, Okinawa, pinned Thomas Edgren, St. Mary's, 1:18.
Third place-Scott Metts, ASU, pinned Bobby Antonio, Kinnick, time unavailable.
Fifth place-Cameron Duerkett, Kubasaki, superiorly defeated Zach Bennett, Kadena, 13-1.

215 pounds
Championship-Jackson Fischer, ASU, pinned Daisuke Kasagawa, St. Mary's, 4:38.
Third place-Isaac Rodriguez, Yokota, defeated Yuta Morita, Kinnick, 1:09.
Fifth place-Adam Godfrey, Zama, defeated Scott Metts, ASU, 1:04.

312 pounds
Championship-Jordan Rowell, C.A. pinned Anthony Garcia, Zama, 3:27.
Third place-Jake Baez, Kinnick, superiorly defeated Chris Steurnell, ASU, 12-1.
Fifth place-David Heltzmann, E.J. King, defeated George Gross, Yokota, 8-4.

360 pounds
Championship-Lee Lee, Edgren, defeated Brandon Schultze, ASU, 1:24.
Third place-Alex Curtis, Kinnick, pinned Brandon McCullough, Kadena, 2:02.
Fifth place-Matt Maza, Kubasaki, superiorly defeated Scott Metts, ASU, 12-2.
Time unavailable.

441 pounds
Championship-Kenji Douglas, Kinnick, defeated John Gutierrez, Seoul, 7-4.
Third place-Austin Lee, Kadena, superiorly pinned Dr. Cohen, St. Mary's, time unavailable.
Fifth place-Daniel Zink, C.A. pinned David O'Connell, ASU, 1:34.

500 pounds
Championship-Culio Erribay, Brent, superiorly defeated Jim Kwak, St. Mary's, 12-18.
Third place-Steve Courtney, Kubasaki, superiorly defeated Josh Dowers, Seoul, 12-1.
Fifth place-Nick Villagosa, Zama, 12-18.

560 pounds
Championship-Yamato Cibulka, Kinnick, defeated Sonny Bates, St. Mary's, 10-5.
Third place-Andrew Satterfield, Kadena, superiorly defeated Wong Lee, Seoul, 13-2.
Fifth place-Steve Nedertson, ASU, 12-1.
Time unavailable.

660 pounds
Championship-Ryanfeld Grent, Brent-Maria, defeated Devon Copeland, Kadena, 5-1.
Third place-Joy Lee, Kinnick, superiorly defeated Pavel Kachalov, St. Mary's, 10-0.
Fifth place-James Jones, ASU, 12-1.
Time unavailable.

800 pounds
Championship-Zach Dopsal, Yokota, superiorly defeated Mike Bratcher, Edgren, 12-1.
Third place-Brandon Stone, ASU, 12-18.
Fifth place-David Miller, Kubasaki, pinned Adam Sherman, ASU, 1:40.

910 pounds
Championship-Scott Lingo, Seoul, defeated David Burnett, Zama, 1:29.
Third place-Jim Scott, Kadena, defeated Egan Dales, Edgren, 5-1.
Fifth place-Grady Pennell, Kadena, defeated Sam Lyons, ASU, 5-1.

Heavyweight
Championship-Paul Haechei, Kubasaki, superiorly defeated Tim Jacobson, ASU, 1:40.
Third place-Justin Planty, Zama, defeated Randall Pelletier, Yokota, 10-7.
Fifth place-Paul Ergus, Kinnick, pinned Jeff Y. Seoul, 5-8.

Japan japs basketball

Saturday's summary

Yokota 71, International School of the Sacred Heart 13

At Yokota Air Base, Japan

10-1 9-2 13-1

Yokota 20 23 10 18-71

Leading scorers-Yokota: 11-11; Seisen: 17; Carl Bruschuk 16; Andrew Thomas 11.

Nile C. Kinnick 49, Seisen International 20

At Tokyo

Kinnick 19 12 10 8-40

Seisen 16 11 7 1-29

Leading scorers-Kinnick: Luathai Johnson 16; Seisen: Jordan 12; Tomika Lyons 11; Seisen: 17; Carl Bruschuk 16; Andrew Thomas 11.

Nile C. Kinnick 49, Seisen International 20

At Yokota

Kinnick 19 12 10 8-40

Seisen 16 11 7 1-29

Meet at Kinnick provides Far East tuneup

Burnett-Tunis bout highlights 'Beast of the Far East' tourney

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — David Burnett dropped one weight class to get what he called a "challenge." He got that and plenty more during Saturday's Nile C. Kinnick Invitational "Beast of the Far East" wrestling tournament.

In a battle of defending Far East tournament champions, quickness beat size and strength as Seoul American's Scott Tunis won an 8-1 decision over Zama American's Burnett in the 215-pound title bout.

"I came here to get more of a challenge and he gave me a challenge," said Burnett, who won the heavyweight (275-pound) Far East title last February. "Tunis was in better shape than me and moved faster than me."

Tunis, who won Far East gold last year at 180 pounds, competed for the first time this season after nursing injuries. Burnett had wrestled in 22 bouts and won four gold medals in four in-season tournaments this season.

"I had to remain calm, didn't want to get nervous, stayed with myself," said Tunis, who had wrestled only in practice. "You don't look at who they are. You just go out and do your best. If you win, you win. If you don't win, you have some work to do."

Tunis was one of four 2004 Far East champions to win gold medals in a tournament that featured nine winners from last February's Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Pacific tournament at Yokota.

Seisen's tournament was the only in-season event this season to feature DODDS and international schools from all areas of the Pacific.

The event provided an unofficial Far East championship for

private schools while serving as a tuneup for DODDS schools for Far East, scheduled for Feb. 17-19 at Yokota.

"This is the best preparation we can get," said Kubasaki's Paul Haechei, who won the 275-pound title on Saturday. "We don't wrestle as much on Okinawa. We use this to our advantage. You see where you stand in preparing for Far East. You know what you have to do to get there."

"You work on your mistakes, your condition, work on fitness and step it up," Tunis said.

Thirteen schools and more than 100 wrestlers competed in 366 bouts during Saturday's 11-hour event.

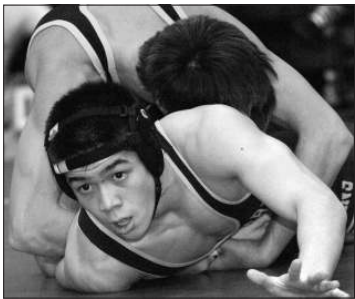
"I'm glad everybody is here that is here," said Nile C. Kinnick coach and tournament organizer Robby Rhinshart said.

"What a great day," said Yokota coach and Far East tournament organizer Brian Kitts, adding that his mostly young squad "got what we had to get out of it." "We're seeing what we have with the Big Three (Kadena and Kubasaki) of Okinawa and Seoul American) and we're improving," Kitts said. "They're learning that what we say in practice is true. And by the end of the day, you know who's going to do well at Far East."

"You learn the team concept," said coach Julian Hander of Seoul American, the reigning Far East tournament dual-meet team champion. "You learn what you get when everybody fights 101 pounds to heavyweight work together, like St. Mary's."

St. Mary's International, last year's Far East tournament freestyle champion, took the team gold Saturday with 61 points. Kinnick was 15 points behind, followed by Kadena (38) and Yokota (36).

While St. Mary's, the tournament favorite, did what was expected, there were a few upsets.



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Two-time Far East champion Mark Striegl of St. Mary's International finds himself under Brenden Stanford of Kadena during the 135-pound championship bout Saturday at Yokosuka Middle School gym.

Zalbo Enkhbayar of Brent International-Subic, the only two-time Outstanding Wrestler in Far East tournament history, gave up two points in each of his two bouts Saturday.

During his rampage to the 148-pound title, Enkhbayar impressed one of his foes, Josh Dowers of Seoul American, who lost to him by technical fall.

"People talked about him like he was a legend, like he can't be scored on," Dowers said. "He's really a good wrestler. His gut wrench is hard to fight. He ties his moves together so well. He's one of a kind."

Defending 108-pound Far East champion Yoshiya Morita of Christian Academy in Japan entered the tournament undefeated in Japan but lost to Daisuke Kasagawa of St. Mary's. Yokota's Jason Rodriguez then beat Morita in the third-place match at 115.

The big story was freshman Ryland Geiger of Brent International-Manila, a former Seoul American Middle School student, who brought down two 2004 Far East champions.

He won a superior decision over Joey Wood of Kinnick, last year's 158-pound titlist, then won a decision against defending 168-pound champion Devon Copeland of Kadena in the 168-pound final.

"It means I have to train more, do some weight training, work on my moves, up the intensity and bring my 'A' game" to Far East, Copeland said.

"He's a good wrestler," Wood said of Geiger, the son of a Navy contractor at Manila's U.S. Embassy, who is not eligible for Far East because he does not attend a DODDS school.

Louie Lee of Robert D. Edgren boosted his confidence for Far East after winning the 129-pound title.

"It means I can do this," said Lee, noting that his gold medal came against a stronger international field than he'll see at Yokota. "This is probably better than Far East. I'm looking forward to two weeks from now."

So will Tunis and Burnett. "I'm still going to treat every-

body equally," Tunis said. "He (Burnett) may come back and beat me. I'll still have to work harder."

"You can't put too much into this tournament," Burnett said. "Everybody's going to be working harder. I have to work harder and get faster."

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Zach Dopsal, top, of Yokota gets the upper hand against Bob Bratcher of Robert D. Edgren during the 180-pound championship bout.

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.S. lands a 1-2 punch

Miller's second gold, Rahlves' silver leaves elite Austrians far behind

By Andrew Damph
The Associated Press

BORMIO, Italy — Bode Miller became the first American to win the men's downhill in the Alpine World Ski Championships on Saturday, and teammate Daron Rahlves was second in this signature event for an overpowering show by the U.S. team.

Miller, winner of last weekend's super giant slalom gold medal, confirmed his status as the top all-around skier. The overall World Cup leader was the third skier down the slope, and no one finished within a second of his time of 1 minute, 56.22 seconds until Rahlves, who started 18 spots later.

The two Americans gave the United States its first 1-2 finish in any event in sking's world championships.

"To be one and two at the world championships for any team is great, but for the U.S. it's phenomenal," Miller said. "It means even more to be on the podium with Daron than to win it alone."

Rahlves was 0.44 seconds behind Austria's Michael Walchhofer, the 2003 world downhill champion, settled for bronze, 0.87 back.

"Daron is an inspirational skier," Miller said. "He's got a lot of heart and a lot of grit, especially at the world championships."

Bill Johnson won the Olympic downhill in 1984, and Tommy Moe repeated the feat 10 years later in the Lillehammer Games, no American man had captured the gold in the glamour race in a world championships.

Miller ended a strong run by Austria, which has won every world championship downhill dating to Hermann Maier's triumph in 1999 in Vail, Colo. The worlds are not held during Winter Olympic years.



American skiers Daron Rahlves, left, and Bode Miller celebrate their 1-2 finish in the men's downhill on Saturday at Bormio, Italy. Miller won his second gold medal of the Alpine World Ski Championships.

Strategy played a large part in Miller's victory. By deliberately posting a slow time in Friday's final training, which determined the race's starting order, Miller started early and could attack a clean course while later skiers faced varying conditions.

Miller, who lost a ski in Friday's combined race, mastered the upper part of the Stelvio course and made only a few minor errors on the lower half.

"It worked out exactly the way I hoped," Miller said. "For some

guys it wouldn't have been so great, but for me it was perfect."

The skier from Franconia, N.H., began his career as a slalom and giant slalom specialist and has become a top speed skier only this season, winning two World Cup downhills to start the winter. Until the worlds, he had been in something of a slump, going winless since taking a silver in Sestriere, Italy on Dec. 13.

Now he has two golds and a chance for more medals in the giant slalom, slalom and the new

team event that concludes the championships Feb. 13.

"I'm super proud of what Bode has done this year and today," Rahlves said. "This is the first year we've trained together and he's got a lot of intensity like I do, so it's fun to bang heads and mix it up on the hill."

Several skiers made up time on Miller in the last few hundred meters but were too far behind. Rahlves, wearing the No. 2 bib, came closest.

"I was definitely ready to put one down today," Rahlves said. "It was a lot bumpier today, so you know you're going to make some mistakes."

The five Austrians in the race were among the final elite skiers to start.

First came Johann Grugger, winner of a World Cup downhill on this hill in December. He finished ninth.

Walchhofer was next in the No. 27 starting position and trailed by 0.39 at the third checkpoint, but he lost more time just before the finish.

Walchhofer said a pebble lodged in his binding.

"I could have won if I didn't have such problems," he said.

Werner Franz, whose first World Cup downhill victory came at Val d'Isere this season, finished 28th. Reigning Olympic downhill champion Fritz Strobl, who started 30th, started well but had to settle for fourth.

The last Austrian that Miller had to watch was Maier, the four-time World Cup overall champion. Maier crashed during Friday's training session and thus didn't earn a top-30 starting position. Going out 31st, he was on Rahlves' pace at the midpoint before falling behind and finishing 17th.

Only then, more than a half-hour after his run, could Miller rejoice.

World Championships

Men's downhill

Stelvio course (1.975 miles)

1. Bode Miller, United States, 1 minute, 56.22 seconds.	11. Finlay McGeach, Scotland, 1:57.65.
2. Daron Rahlves, United States, 1:56.66.	12. Florian Eckert, Germany, 1:57.65.
3. Michael Walchhofer, Austria, 1:57.10.	13. Juerg Gruenerfelder, Switzerland, 1:57.67.
4. Fritz Strobl, Austria, 1:57.17.	14. Kurt Sulzenbacher, Italy, 1:57.79.
5. Bruno Kernen, Switzerland, 1:57.25.	15. Kristian Ghedina, Italy, 1:57.86.
6. Didier Defago, Switzerland, 1:57.37.	16. John Kucera, Austria, 1:57.90.
7. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 1:57.38.	17. Hermann Maier, Austria, 1:57.45.
8. Ambrosi Hoffmann, Switzerland, 1:57.40.	18. Max Rauffer, Germany, 1:57.99.
9. Johann Grugger, Austria, 1:57.52.	19. Marcus Osterlund, Sweden, 1:58.00.
10. David Poisson, France, 1:57.54.	20. Jerod Jarman, Slovenia, 1:58.02.
11. Finlay McGeach, Scotland, 1:57.55.	21. Justin Johnson, United States, 1:58.03.
12. Florian Eckert, Germany, 1:57.65.	22. Erik Guy, Canada, 1:58.28.
13. Juerg Gruenerfelder, Switzerland, 1:57.67.	23. Kjell Andre Aamodt, Norway, 1:58.31.
14. Kurt Sulzenbacher, Italy, 1:57.79.	24. Peter Fill, Italy, 1:58.33.
15. Kristian Ghedina, Italy, 1:57.86.	25. Marco Bachel, Liechtenstein, 1:58.33.
16. John Kucera, Austria, 1:57.90.	26. Birne Solbakken, Norway, 1:58.63.
17. Hermann Maier, Austria, 1:57.45.	27. Alessandro Fattori, Italy, 1:58.92.
18. Max Rauffer, Germany, 1:57.99.	28. Werner Franz, Austria, 1:59.01.
19. Marcus Osterlund, Sweden, 1:58.00.	29. Yannick Bertrand, France, 1:59.51.
20. Jerod Jarman, Slovenia, 1:58.02.	30. Jeff Humm, Canada, 1:59.57.
21. Justin Johnson, United States, 1:58.03.	31. Pierre-Emmanuel Dalcin, France, 1:59.57.
22. Erik Guy, Canada, 1:58.28.	32. Patrik Jacoby, Sweden, 1:59.91.
23. Kjell Andre Aamodt, Norway, 1:58.31.	33. Kise Kise, Norway, 2:00.05.
24. Peter Fill, Italy, 1:58.33.	34. Alex Anet, Andorra, 2:02.34.
25. Marco Bachel, Liechtenstein, 1:58.33.	35. Alexander Hurn, New Zealand, 2:02.48.
26. Birne Solbakken, Norway, 1:58.63.	36. Borek Zakoril, Czech Republic, 2:02.48.
27. Alessandro Fattori, Italy, 1:58.92.	37. Florian-Daniel Nicola, Romania, 2:02.48.
28. Werner Franz, Austria, 1:59.01.	38. Hubertus von Hohenhausen, Mexico, 2:02.48.
29. Yannick Bertrand, France, 1:59.51.	39. Nikolay Skribin, Ukraine, did not compete.
30. Jeff Humm, Canada, 1:59.57.	40. Alexander Khristilov, Russia; Roger Krammer, Austria; Oleg Bank, Czech Republic, did not finish.

Medals table

After five of 11 events in the Alpine World Ski Championships:			
United States	Gold	Silver	Bronze
United States	2	1	3
Norway	0	1	1
Sweden	0	0	2
Croatia	0	1	1
Italy	0	1	1
Norway	0	1	1

Mickelson's 60 worth a share of FBR Open lead

The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Phil Mickelson, playing in the city he long called home, led the final five holes Friday to complete an 11-under 60, tying the course record and vaulting into a share of the lead in the FBR Open.

"It was a wonderful day," Mickelson said. "No complaints here."

Arizona still feels like home to Mickelson, especially on a day such as Friday, when he had one of the best rounds of his life and one of the lowest scores in PGA Tour history.

Mickelson, who now lives in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., finished one stroke shy of the PGA Tour record for 18 holes — 59, shared by Al Geiberger, Chip Beck and David Duval. The Masters champion is the 16th player to shoot 60.

Halfway through the 72-hole event, every player had shot an 8-under 133 with 21-year-old Kevin Na, the youngest player on the PGA Tour.

It was the lowest round for

Sports briefs

Mickelson in an official PGA Tour event, bettering his third-round 61 for a way to winning the 2001 Greater Hartford Open. He shot a 59 last Nov. 24 in the non-official PGA Grand Slam.

Mickelson tied the course record for the tournament formerly known as the Phoenix Open set by Grant Waite in 1996 and matched by Mark Calcavecchia in 2001.

Mickelson, seeking his 24th tour victory and first of 2005, had nine birdies and an eagle on the 7,216-yard Tournament Players Club course, where he won in 1996.

"I would have taken 65 and been ecstatic, because I would be 4-under and be within four or five of the lead going into the weekend," he said.

Wind that had disrupted play

Thursday subsided, and the scores dropped accordingly.

Bernhard Langer and Michael Allen shot 66 Friday and were three shots behind. Nine players were another shot back at 5-under.

First-round leader Dudley Hart shot 73 and was 2-under. Justin Leonard, winner of last week's Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, missed the cut by one shot.

Tom Lehman, Mickelson's playing partner, shot 65, leaving him six shots back.

"I kind of got stuck in in the wake of Phil's 60," Lehman said. "That's kind of the way it felt. He played incredibly well and made the game look really easy today."

Els three back in Heineken

MELBOURNE, Australia — Last year, Ernie Els took an eight-shot lead into the final round of the Heineken Classic and held on — just — for his third straight win at Royal Melbourne.

This year, he's three off the lead but still likes his chances.

Els shot a 5-under 66 Saturday to trail third-round leader Nick O'Hern of Australia by three going into Sunday's final round. Only four male golfers, most recently Tiger Woods (Buick Invitational, 2000-2003), have won the same event four times in a row.

"The course is in great shape, it is there for the taking," Els said. "I will be up for it and will have a chance coming down the last nine."

Davenport, Sharapova in final

TOKYO — Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport beat U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsov 6-1, 7-6 (7-2) Saturday to reach the final of the Pan Pacific Open, a tournament she has won four times.

Davenport, the defending champion, will face Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova in Sunday's title match. The second-seeded Russian defeated Shinya Asagoe of Japan 6-1, 7-6 (7-3) in the other semifinal.

South Korean teen wins

SINGAPORE — South Korea's 18-year-old Song Bo-hae held off Sweden's Charlotta Sorenstam for her first European Tour victory, shooting a 3-over-par 75 to win the Samsung Ladies Masters on Saturday.

Song finished at 10-under 206, one stroke ahead of Sorenstam, who closed with a 71.

U.S. 1-2 in speedskating

MOSCOW — Shani Davis and Chad Hedrick gave the United States a 1-2 overall points finish after the first two men's races in the world all-around speedskating championships on Saturday.

Davis led the field with 74,969 points, with Hedrick 0.13 points behind and Sven Kramer of the Netherlands third with 75,917.

Japan's Takahiro Ushiyama was a surprise winner in the men's 500-meter race with his personal best 36.28 seconds. Davis was clocked 36.33 seconds for second and Hedrick was third in 36.65.

Air Force Reserve unit members showing their colors for big game

BY LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Members of the Air Force Reserve's 913th Air Refueling Wing have sworn to defend all of America, but this weekend they are rooting against those New England states.

One look at the suburban Philadelphia unit's C-130E aircraft shows why: Emblazoned on each plane just beneath Old Glory sits the Philadelphia Eagles logo, showing that Eagles' green is second in their hearts only to the red, white and blue.

Of course, some true patriots from Westover Air Reserve Base near Springfield, Mass., would never support that color scheme. The planes of the 439th Air Refueling Wing have only red, white and blue additions on them, both in the flag and in their beloved New England Patriots logo.

While the two units share a common bond, there was no agreement on how a successful mission in the Super Bowl would end.

Several members of Willow Grove Air Reserve Station's 913th watched regular-season Ea-

gles victories during early morning support shifts in Kuwait, while about 15 of the Westover wing's 42nd Aerial Port Squadron who deployed to Afghanistan last week are rooting for a second straight world championship from the other side of the globe.

"The thing I'll really miss is watching the game at home, because I'd usually be the one having a big party," Staff Sgt. Dan Reeve, a Massachusetts native and lifelong Patriots fan, said Thursday. "But they promised us we would be able to watch the game on our Monday morning shifts."

"I've brought a big Patriots flag, and we'll make do and cheer them on from here."

Reeve said his unit shipped out just hours after the Patriots AFC championship game win over the Steelers, so he didn't have time to call and ridicule his Pittsburgh friends before leaving the country.

But he and the other members of the 42nd do have fellow reservist Tech. Sgt. Kathy Busch, a loyal Steelers fan, to ride with.

"They have been riding me since the day we got here," Busch said, laughing. "I'm a die-hard

Steelers fan, but I do love the Patriots, too, so I'll be rooting for them. "But even if I do, they'll still give me grief."

Master Sgts. William Benedetti and George Rummier of the 913th said they put up with a fair amount of ridicule, too. When they deployed to Kuwait, it was with other reservists and active duty units from all over the country.

"There were plenty of people who hated the Eagles as much as we loved them," Benedetti said. "But when we got together to watch a game, we had some guys who could give an E-A-G-L-E-S cheer that just about cleared the room."

Both men primarily worked early morning shifts; Benedetti said he usually caught the first quarter of the Sunday contest before he left for work, and Rummier said he usually finished up in time for the second half.

"I used to be a Giants fan before I started with (the 913th)," Rummier said. "But I showed up to one training day with a New York shirt on and they teased me all day. Eventually, they converted me into an Eagles fan."

Tagliabue also noted the NFL might stage a game that counts outside U.S. borders. The league is considering a game in Mexico or Canada, perhaps as soon as the upcoming schedule.

Prime candidates to sacrifice a game in their home stadium would be the Cardinals for Mexico or the Bills for Canada, although Tagliabue mentioned no specific teams.

The commissioner's most newsworthy comments in his hour-long address concerned television. In November, Fox renewed its NFL Sunday afternoon rights for six years and \$4.3 billion, while CBS kept the AFC Sunday package for \$3.7 billion. Both have agreed to be flexible so the NFL

could move some better matchups from Sunday afternoon to prime time.

Tagliabue said ESPN/ABC "have tremendous interest in staying with the NFL, both on cable television and broadcast television. We have an interest in them staying with us. We have a disagreement about what the rights fees should be."

Rupert Murdoch, chairman and CEO of News Corp., Fox's parent company, commented on possibly competing with ESPN during a conference call earlier this week: "We have various sports channels, but if you're talking about really taking on ESPN, I think you can take it that we would not do that without a pretty full NFL franchise."

ABC/ESPN didn't return calls for comment.



Courtesy Willow Grove Air Reserve Station

Major James Devere of the Air Force Reserve's 913th Air Refueling Wing speaks with Hank Fraley, Philadelphia Eagles center, during last summer's unveiling of new Eagles logos on the wing's C-130E tails.

This year, Super Bowl Sunday is a training day for the 913th, and officers have already promised to let everyone go well before kickoff. Both Benedetti and Rummier said they'll enjoy a game with their families, something they couldn't do during the regular season.

The deployed members of the 42nd Aerial Squadron won't see their families again for four months, but another New England win will help ease some of that homesick feeling.

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Tagliabue talks about tweaking television lineup

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The NFL could be diving deeper into the television business and playing a regular-season game outside the United States as early as next season.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue sent a veiled warning to ABC/ESPN during his State of the NFL address Friday that the league might get involved in the creation of a new sports TV network. A league source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Fox is interested in the prime-time games for the proposed network, which would compete with ESPN.

The NFL already has extended agreements with Fox and CBS for its Sunday afternoon TV rights, but negotiations on the prime-time packages with ABC and ESPN have stagnated.

"We're giving very serious consideration to being part of the launch of another major sports network on cable and satellite television," Tagliabue said. "We're also talking to other television networks and companies about the packages we have to sell, including the Thursday night/Saturday package we're creating."

And there's strong interest in other companies, some of whom already have contracts with us and some who don't."

The current deals expire after the 2005 season.

team of black players that barnstormed the country from 1927-33. He died in 1986.

"He was a pillar of the league," said his grandson, Dr. Stephen Towns, "and we're gratified he's finally getting his reward for it."

Friedman, who died in 1982, played for four teams from 1927-34 and was one of the early NFL's great quarterbacks. A contemporary of Red Grange, he also was a strong draw. Giants owner Tim Mara purchased the Detroit Wolverines, for whom Friedman played in 1928, not only to get him in New York's lineup but to fill the stands.

"We both appreciate and honor the people who played in another era," Young said, speaking for Marino as well. "You're talking about having a passion for the game. We're here on the backs of so many other players."

Hall: Pollard, Friedman to be enshrined

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me early."

Then it was Marino applying the pressure to defenses. Although he never won a Super Bowl, Marino was the 1984 league MVP, made three All-Pro teams and nine Pro Bowls. When he retired, he owned 21 NFL marks, including most seasons with 3,000 yards or more passing (13); most yards passing in one season (5,084 in '84, the only year he won a conference championship); and most games with 300 yards or more passing (63).

Young broke in with the USFL's Los Angeles Express, moved to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, then won the 1995 Super Bowl with San Francisco. He was the league's most valuable player in 1992 and 1994.

"This is the place you're going to find out how good you're going to be. This is the spot. I embraced it," Young said, recalling his move from the USFL to the NFL. "I'm here because I did embrace it. It was a great ride."

A clever runner with a strong arm and great field vision, Young made seven Pro Bowls and was a three-time All-Pro. He held the highest passer rating in league history (96.8) when he retired in '99. He also set the highest season rating of 112.8, which Manning also broke this season.

In 1921, Pollard became the first black head coach in the NFL.

He was a superb running back, leading the Akron Pros to the fledgling league's 1920 championship with an undefeated record.

He later organized the Chicago Brown Bombers, an independent

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Carter has best game since joining Nets

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Vince Carter had his best game since joining the New Jersey Nets, scoring 41 points and leading a second-half surge in a 107-85 victory Saturday that snapped the Detroit Pistons' five-game winning streak.

Carter, who finished 10 points shy of his career high, scored 20 during a 29-9 run bridging the third and fourth quarters that turned a 63-61 edge into a 92-70 lead.

Carter's performance was a season high, surpassing the 33 he scored Jan. 19 in a victory over Milwaukee that came 33 days after the Nets acquired him from Toronto. New Jersey has gone 13-13 since the Carter trade.

Jason Kidd added 12 points and 14 assists, surpassing Kevin Anderson as the franchise's career assist leader with 2,364. Kidd also moved past the Boston Celtics' Bob Cousy (6,955) into 12th place on the NBA's career list.

Kidd passed Anderson with his final assist on a 19-foot jumper by Jason Collins that gave New Jersey a 99-73 lead with 5:02 remaining. He left to a standing ovation moments later.

Jabari Smith shot 7-for-7 and added 14 points for New Jersey, while Jacques Vaughn scored 12.

Trayshon Prince had 17 points and Antonio McDyess 15 for the Pistons, who couldn't stop the Nets once Carter got going.

Carter seized the momentum after he appeared to get swiped in the face by Ben Wallace as he drove for a layup midway through the third quarter. No foul was called, although Carter was whistled for a personal after he slammed into Wallace in return.

Carter followed with two free throws, a

5-foot runner, a three-pointer, a layup and a steal before Kidd scored the winning shot. Carter ended the third quarter by making two foul shots and a 7-foot runner, then opened the fourth with a putback and a finger roll for an 83-65 lead.

There would be no comeback from the Pistons, who lost for the first time since Jan. 24 and wrapped up a contentious eight-day stretch during which their coach Larry Brown, after acknowledging his interest in perhaps becoming coach of the New York Knicks, backed off and said he plans to stay in Detroit.

In Friday games, **Kings 115, Knicks 115:** Mike Bibby scored 15 of his career-high 40 points in the fourth quarter, and Matt Barnes made the go-ahead free throw and two big defensive plays to cap host Sacramento's incredible comeback victory.

Brad Miller had 35 points as the Kings came back from an 11-point deficit in the final 3 1/2 minutes, scoring nine points in the final 45 seconds. Barnes scored 16 points, and also stole the ball from Penny Hardaway shortly before time expired.

Pacers 95, Mavericks 94: Jermaine O'Neal scored 23 points and Anthony Johnson added a season-high 21, including two free throws with 4.6 seconds to go, to help host Indiana snap a six-game losing streak. The two free throws by Johnson, who did not miss a shot from the field in Indiana's 95-92 lead, and he intentionally fouled Dirk Nowitzki to avoid the possibility of a tying three-pointer. Nowitzki made the first free throw but then accidentally bled in the second one after trying to miss in hopes of a rebound.

Raptors 103, Wizards 100: At Toronto, Jalen Rose had 26 points and Rafer Alston had 16, all in the second half, as Toronto overcame a 22-14 deficit to defeat the franchise's biggest comeback ever.

Donyell Marshall added 20 points for the Raptors, who also overcame a 22-point deficit in a victory over Washington on April 19, 1996. On Wednesday night, Toronto rallied from a 19-point third-quarter deficit to beat Indiana.

Antawn Jamison had 30 points and 11 assists for the Wizards in their season-high fourth straight loss. Gilbert Arenas had 21 points before being ejected in the third quarter.

76ers 103, Hawks 85: At Philadelphia, Allen Iverson had 22 points and 12 assists, and Kyle Korver made five three-pointers and scored 17 points for Philadelphia.

Korver hit four three-pointers in the third quarter and then another early in the fourth quarter after the Hawks pulled with in single digits.

Celtics 112, Magic 100: Raef LaFrentz scored seven of his 19 points in a 20-4 fourth-quarter run to help host Boston improve to 3-0 against Orlando this season.

Paul Pierce scored 18 points on a 5-for-16 shooting night. Gary Payton added 13 points and Ricky Davis had 16. Steve Francis scored 26 points for Orlando before fouling out with 3:19 to play.

Bucks 92, Clippers 90: At Milwaukee, Michael Redd scored 32 points, including the go-ahead basket with 15 seconds left.

Desmond Mason added 15 points for the Bucks to help end the Clippers' three-game winning streak and prevent Los Angeles (23-24) from climbing above the 500 mark for the first time in February since the 1992-93 season.

Rockets 119, Timberwolves 113 (OT): At Houston, Yao Ming scored 24 points, rebounded and a clutch three-pointer in overtime, and Yao Ming added 23 points and 14 rebounds for visiting Houston.

Sam Cassell had 24 points and 11 assists, but missed the potential game-winning Timberwolves at the end of regulation.



New Jersey Nets' Vince Carter, left, runs into Detroit Pistons' Rasheed Wallace (36) during the second quarter Saturday.

Warriors 90, Hornets 82: Derek Fisher and Michael Pietsch combined for 24 points during a decisive fourth-quarter run, and host Golden State ended a six-game losing streak. Jason Richardson had 25 points, five rebounds and three assists for Golden State. Pietsch finished with 15 points and seven rebounds, and Fisher added 14 points.

Trail Blazers 101, Bobcats 89: Damon Stoudamire and rookie Sebastian Telfair each scored 23 points to lead host Portland past expansion Charlotte.

Prinz Brezecz had 17 points and 17 rebounds for the Bobcats.

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	24	42	1	
Philadelphia	22	44	1 1/2	
New York	20	46	3	
Toronto	20	47	3	
New Jersey	18	39	4 1/2	
Southeast Division				
Miami	28	59	0	
Washington	26	57	6 1/2	
Orlando	23	49	13	
Charlotte	19	33	21 1/2	
New York	18	39	23 1/2	
Central Division				
San Antonio	28	59	1	
Cleveland	26	57	0	
Chicago	22	51	4 1/2	
Memphis	20	49	6 1/2	
Milwaukee	17	38	9 1/2	

Western Conference

Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	28	79	0	
Phoenix	26	57	2 1/2	
Houston	22	51	6 1/2	
Golden State	20	49	8 1/2	
New Orleans	8	31	17 1/2	
Northwest Division				
Seattle	31	70	0	
Portland	26	43	12 1/2	
Minnesota	20	49	18 1/2	
Portland	15	31	28 1/2	
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	31	77	0	
Sacramento	22	49	4	
Golden State	20	49	6 1/2	
LA Clippers	13	24	48 1/2	
San Diego	13	23	49 1/2	

Friday's games

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Houston 115, Minnesota 113, OT	7:30
Portland 101, Charlotte 89	7:30
Golden State 90, New Orleans 82	7:30
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New York 107, Detroit 85	7:00
Atlanta at Washington	7:00
Portland at Miami	7:00
Orlando at Cleveland	7:00
Golden State at Denver	7:00
Charlotte at Seattle	7:00

Sunday's games

Dallas at Toronto	12:00
Boston at Minnesota	12:00
LA Clippers at Philadelphia	12:00
LA Lakers at Houston	12:00
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Duke coach K after collapsing

Krzyzewski, light-headed, falls onto the court: 'I felt like a chump'

By KEITH PARSONS
The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Sprawled on the court that bears his nickname, Mike Krzyzewski thought first about his wife and his three daughters.

But not so much about their worry or concern about his fall.

Rather, he prepared himself for the endless teasing he knew he would receive.

"I've got to deal with that forever now," Coach K said with a smile.

The Duke coach bounced up quickly after a dizzy spell sent him to the floor in the first half, and the fourth-ranked Blue Devils went on to beat No. 25 Georgia Tech 82-65 on Saturday.

J.J. Redick had 17 of his 26 points in the first half and Shelden Williams finished with 15 points, 12 rebounds and six blocks for Duke (17-2, 7-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), which had lost two of its previous three games. That included a rare one at Cameron, where the Yellow Jackets (13-7, 4-5) ended the Blue Devils' 41-game home winning streak last season.

Daniel Ewing added 16 points, but clearly the focus in this one was on Krzyzewski, the 57-year-old coach celebrating his 25th season in Durham.

During a timeout 8½ minutes into the game, he was talking to one of the referees and suddenly fell to the floor at Coach K Court.

Krzyzewski lay on his right side, facing his bench, but never lost consciousness.

"I don't know if it's ever happened to you, but when you get up real quick, sometimes you get light-headed," he said. "Over

"I'm thinking, 'What an idiot,' and I know I'm going to get it from my daughters and my wife."

Mike Krzyzewski
Duke coach, commenting on his collapse during Saturday's game

my 30 years of coaching, it's happened a number of times. Normally, you just get up like that and you have your feet under you, and it's OK."

He jokingly blamed his lack of balance on the running shoes he was wearing instead of his normal loafers, part of a promotion for the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the American Cancer Society.

Coaches around the country participated — including Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt and assistants on both teams — and many will auction the more casual shoes during alumni gatherings, donating the money to the fight against cancer.

Krzyzewski's might fetch top dollar now. "I felt like a chump, like someone hit me with an air punch and I'm out," Krzyzewski said. "I'm thinking, 'What an idiot,' and I know I'm going to get it from my daughters and my wife. They have so much ammunition on me."

Krzyzewski's wife, Mickie, ran from her seat in the upper deck to the end of the bench, and Duke athletic director Joe Al-

va came too. But Krzyzewski was up and back in front of his players to complete the timeout.

"That was really scary," Blue Devils forward Shaivik Randolph said. "When he was on the floor, it's like seeing one of your family members there. But he came right back to the huddle and said, 'I'm all right.'"

When referee Reginald Cofer left them to check on him, Krzyzewski took the opportunity to complain about the officiating, and Cofer walked away smiling.

The fall had little effect on the game. At the time, the Blue Devils led 15-12, and a dunk by Georgia Tech's Isma'il Muhammad later cut the lead to one. Redick started a run of nine unanswered points with a three-point, and although the Yellow Jackets briefly rallied to within one, Duke kept control throughout.

"I just wanted to come out in the first half with a lot of energy and set the tone, and I think I did that," Redick said. "I was just trying to make plays all over the court."

A 17-4 spurt spanning halftime made it 51-37, and the margin was at least eight thereafter.

"I thought they beat us to a lot of loose balls that made a big difference in the game," Hewitt said. "We're just not tough enough right now. I'm to blame as much as anybody, but to win on the road, you've got to show some toughness."

Georgia Tech has lost five of its past seven games, all without injured guard B.J. Elder (hamstring). He was hurt in an overtime loss at Kansas and has missed much of the season.

Jarrett Jack scored 18 points and Luke Schenscher had 11 for the Yellow Jackets.

Mike Krzyzewski, shown working the sideline Saturday, collapsed during the first half from light-headedness brought on when he stood up too quickly for a timeout.

Florida enjoys an unlikely romp over No. 1 Tide

The Associated Press

GAINEVILLE, Fla. — David Lee, Anthony Roberson and Matt Walsh each scored 18 points as Alabama routed No. 11 Alabama 85-54 on Saturday, the Gators' largest-ever margin over a ranked opponent.

Freshman Al Horford pulled down 18 rebounds for the Gators (14-5, 6-2 Southeastern Conference), who blew it open early with a 15-0 run. Earnest Shelton and Chuck Davis had 15 points to pace Alabama (17-4, 6-2).

Corey Brewer gave the Gators the lead for a good at 14-12 with a breakaway dunk off an Alabama turnover. Lee followed with a three-point play, hitting a right-handed turnaround on the baseline as he was fouled.

When Walsh hit a three-pointer after a leaping save on the baseline by Roberson, the Gators led 24-12 with 9:29 left in the first half.

The closest Alabama got thereafter was 11 points. Walsh capped Florida's nearly perfect first half with a three just before the buzzer for a 46-23 lead. The margin reached 72-39 in the second half. Florida's big three of Lee, Roberson and Walsh combined to make 19 of 35 shots, one fewer than Alabama's total of 20 field goals. In the first half, the Gators

outrebounded the Crimson Tide 23-8, did not give up an offensive rebound and committed only one turnover.

Alabama, which had won six in a row, could do little right. Kennedy Winston, the SEC's No. 3 scorer, went 3-for-12 and finished with six points. The Crimson Tide had 23 rebounds, barely more than Horford's 18, as the Gators doubled Alabama with 46 boards.

The Crimson Tide have struggled offensively in SEC road games. They average 82 points in three conference home games and 60 points in five games away from Tuscaloosa.

Charlotte 91, No. 18 Cincinnati 90: At Charlotte, N.C., Brendan Plavich hit eight three-pointers and scored 26 points as Charlotte won the final regular-season meeting between the two Conference USA rivals.

Plavich made eight of 17 three-pointers to lead the 49ers (15-4, 6-2 C-USA) in scoring. But his misses with under a minute to play and the game tied at 89 made it tight for Charlotte.

Curtis Withers got the rebound when Plavich missed a shot to make the final minute and was fouled by Cincinnati's Nick Williams. Withers made both free throws to give Charlotte a 91-89 lead.

Before the Bearcats (17-5, 6-3) could even run a play, Eric Hicks was fouled under the basket and sent to the line with a chance to

tie it. But Hicks made just one free throw.

Mitchell Baldwin missed for Charlotte, giving Cincinnati one last chance to win the game. The Bearcats took a timeout, and inbounded the ball with 13.8 seconds to play. The ball ended up in Armin Kirkland's hands and his jumper fell short.

Hicks had 20 points to lead Cincinnati, which heads to the Big East next season while Charlotte will move to the Atlantic 10.

Minnesota 60, No. 19 Wisconsin 50: At Minneapolis, Vince Grier scored 26 of his career-high 32 points in the second half to lead Minnesota. Grier went 12-for-14 after halftime, matching the Badgers' second-half total by himself.

The Gophers (16-6, 6-3 Big Ten), picked by most people to finish at or near the bottom of the conference, continued their surprise success and enhanced their chances of taking coach Dan Monson to the NCAA tournament for the first time in his six seasons at the school.

Mike Wilkinson led Wisconsin (15-5, 6-3) with 14 points.

No. 3 Kansas 78, Nebraska 65: At Lincoln, Neb., Keith Langford matched his career high with 27 points, and Kansas held Nebraska without a field goal for more than six minutes late to seal the win.

Wayne Simien had 18 points

and 14 rebounds for the Jayhawks (18-1, 8-0 Big 12), who have beaten their last four opponents by an average of 17.5 points since losing to Villanova on Jan. 22.

Jason Dourisseau scored a career-high 24 points for Nebraska (10-9, 3-5), which has lost five of its last six conference games.

No. 7 Wake Forest 83, Virginia Tech 63: At Blacksburg, Va., Taron Downey scored 18 points to lead Wake Forest. Downey, who plays behind star guards Chris Paul and Justin Gray, scored 13 points in the first half in just 12 minutes, getting into the game while Gray sat out in foul trouble.

Gray finished with 16 points for the Demon Deacons (19-3, 7-2 Atlantic Coast Conference). Paul didn't score until hitting a free throw with 3:30 to go, finishing with three points and a game-high 11 assists.

Jamon Gordon led the Hokies (12-8, 5-4 ACC) with 20 points.

No. 12 Michigan State 75, Iowa 64: At Iowa City, Kelvin Torbert scored 20 points to help Michigan State hold off a late Iowa rally.

The Spartans (15-4, 6-2 Big Ten) led by 22 points early in the second half and seemed to be coasting. But Iowa drew as close as three points with a little more than a minute left before fading.

The Hawkeyes (15-6, 3-5) dis-

missed leading scorer Pierre Pierce from the team Tuesday for off-court Josh Boone. Adam Haluska picked up the scoring slack with a season-high 24 points.

No. 14 Arizona 90, Stanford 72: Sahin Stoudamire had 20 of his 26 points in the second half, and Arizona ended Stanford's four-year run of success in Tucson.

Channing Frye had 15 points and 13 rebounds, Hassan Adams and Chris Rodgers scored 13 each and Ivan Radovicic had 10 points for the Wildcats (14-9, 9-2 Pac-10).

The victory was Lute Olson's 299th conference win, second only to the 304 wins by UCLA's John Wooden.

No. 23 Connecticut 68, St. John's 46: At Storrs, Conn., Rashad Anderson scored 21 points for the Huskies blocked a career-high nine shots for Connecticut.

The Huskies (14-5, 6-3 Big East) were outrebounded for just the second time this season (40-41), but came up big everywhere else.

The Red Storm (8-11, 2-7) shot just 27 percent in their lowest scoring game of the season, going nearly 11 minutes without a field goal in the second half and was 0 of 2 from 3-point range.

Darryl Hill, the Big East's top scorer, led St. John's with 22 points.

Balanced Kentucky rolls over Vanderbilt

BY TERESA M. WALKER

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Patrick Sparks, Koleman Azubuike and Chuck Hayes each scored 15 points and No. 6 Kentucky beat Vanderbilt 84-70 Saturday for its eighth straight victory.

Kentucky (17-2, 8-0 Southeastern Conference) swept the season series between the teams and has beaten Vanderbilt in 24 of the past 26 games. The Wildcats also have won 17 straight SEC games, counting last year's postseason.

The loss snapped a two-game winning streak for the Commodores (13-9, 4-5), who had won 27 of their previous 30 at home over the last two seasons.

Hayes led Kentucky with 13 rebounds and Rajon Rondo added 12 points for Kentucky, which has its best record since the 1998 NCAA championship team was 19-2.

Corey Smith led Vanderbilt with 16 points, reserve Mario Moore had 15 and David Przybyzski and DeMarre Carroll each had 12.

Kentucky took control from the beginning by scoring the first nine points. Vanderbilt missed its first four shots and didn't get on the board until Przybyzski's three-point free throws into the game.

By then, it was too late.

The Wildcats led 46-29 at halftime after Azubuike hit a three-pointer just before the buzzer and pushed the lead to 71-47 midway through the second half. Vandy managed to get within 10 twice in the final minute, but it was too late.

The Commodores outrebounded Kentucky 37-33 and shot the ball about as well as the Wildcats



Vanderbilt's Ted Skuchas (54) has a decided head scratch over Kentucky's Rajon Rondo on a first-half foul in Saturday's game.

(25-for-51, 49 percent to Kentucky's 31-for-63, 49.2). But Vandy was only 8-for-26 from three-point range and committed 19 turnovers, which Kentucky converted into 30 points.

Vanderbilt hit five of its first six shots in the second half and used a 9-2 spurt to pull to 54-40 at a late throw by Jason Holwerda with 16:21 left. But Sparks helped Kentucky put the game out of reach.

Sparks first hit a three-pointer. Smith answered with three, and Sparks scored on a layup. Hayes made a three-pointer and Sparks followed with another three-pointer and a layup. Sparks stole a ball and Ravi Moss scored on a layup to cap a 17-5 run for a 71-47 lead.

points and eight rebounds. Greg Sprink added 14 points and made four of six three-pointers as Navy shot a season-best 58 percent (seven of 12) from beyond the three-point arc.

Hurley had 13 points and led the Crusaders with nine rebounds. In Friday's other game involving service academies:

American 86, Army 58: In Washington, Andre Ingram scored 23 points and Jason Thon made 18 to lead American to its third consecutive victory.

The Eagles (13-7, 6-2 Patriot League) opened with a 12-4 run, led 47-31 at halftime and shot 52 percent for the game to win for the seventh time in eight games. American outrebounded Army 44-21.

Colin Harris scored 16 points to lead the Black Knights (3-17, 1-7), whose seven conference losses have been by an average of 21 points. Army lost at home to American 72-37 on Jan. 21.

Miami surprises No. 22 Terps

The Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Will Frisby, fouled during a scramble for a rebound, made two free throws with 0.8 seconds left in overtime to lift Miami past No. 22 Maryland 75-73 on Saturday.

It was the first victory in three games for Miami (14-7, 5-5 Atlantic Coast Conference), which led for nearly the entire game but had to rally at the end of regulation and in the final second of overtime.

Guillermo Diaz scored 27 points to pace the Hurricanes.

Maryland (13-7, 4-5) lost its second consecutive game after back-to-back victories over nationally ranked Duke and Georgia Tech.

Miami trailed for just 27 seconds of the first half, and maintained its lead until Chris McCray made a three-pointer from the right wing to give Maryland a 60-57 lead with 6:07 remaining.

McCray led Maryland with 23 points, including 20 after halftime. Mike Jones, who scored 14, was the only other Maryland player in double figures.

Maryland held the lead until 2:58 remaining in the second half, when it made a three-point shot to pull Miami up 64-62. The Terrapins went back in front just over a minute later on John Gilchrist's three-pointer with 1:44 remaining.



Miami's Robert Hite (22) attempts to steal the ball from Maryland guard Sterling Dedbetter (12) during the second half on Saturday.

Diaz bailed out the Hurricanes again, blowing past two defenders for a layup and a 66-65 lead at 1:17.

After a Maryland timeout, Gilchrist missed a three-pointer that was rebounded by Miami's Robert Hite with 45 seconds left. The Hurricanes led the game clock wind down to 18 seconds before Diaz missed a three. Anthony King snared the rebound, and was fouled by Will Bowers with 15.3 seconds remaining.

King missed the first free throw but made the second, giving Miami a 67-65 lead.

Gilchrist missed a shot at the other end but Maryland's Travis Garrison got the rebound and was fouled. He made both free throws to force overtime.

McCray's three-pointer with 1:14 left in overtime tied it 73-73, and Nik Caner-Medley appeared to put Maryland up 75-73 with 14 seconds left. However, the Maryland forward was called for an offensive foul after knocking Frisby to the floor.

Frisby missed a short jumper with 3.2 seconds to go, but Frisby grabbed the rebound and was fouled by Jones with 0.8 seconds left.

Some coaches will be fighting for survival down the stretch

BY MIKE JENSEN

The Philadelphia Inquirer

It's an annual rite of college basketball previews: The Coach on the Hot Seat list.

Let's go back and look at some of the men who made this season's preseason lists and how they're faring now.

And let's remember how Auburn's Tommy Tuberville started

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there be a hoops equivalent?

Steve Lappas, Massachusetts: Lapps topped a lot of lists with his bet on his own future. To avoid getting bought out after last season, the former Villanova coach agreed that UMass wouldn't owe him for the last two years of his contract if the Minutemen don't make a postseason tournament this year.

How's it looking? Despite victories over Connecticut and at George Washington, UMass is in and in danger of finishing fourth in the Atlantic 10 Division behind Fordham, and the Mullins Center isn't exactly rocking. We think the Minutemen will finish over .500, making them eligible for the NIT, but will the NIT want them?

Our advice to Lappas: Tell tournament officials you'll buy \$50,000

worth of tickets. That should get you in.

Jay Wright, Villanova: Wright wasn't given any kind of win-or-lose ultimatum. It wasn't that to that yet. But everyone understood what a big season this was for Villanova's program, that the school needed to prove it could play with the Big East's big boys, since more big boys — Louisville, Cincinnati, etc. — are coming into the league next season. As long as there is no late-season losing streak, the Wildcats have more than proven themselves. Wright has a ranked squad, one of the better defensive teams in the country, and a cool seat.

Mike Davis, Indiana: Only at a place like IU could Davis coach in the NCAA title game in 2002, make the NCAA tournament in three of his first four seasons, and be in trouble in his fifth season. That is partly because so many Bobby Knight loyalists never took to him, partly because this season's 10-9 record (1-6 on the road) isn't cutting it. We'd like to see Davis chuck this job and head someplace that appreciates him from the start.

Pete Gillen, Virginia: Gillen comes up with some of the fastest one-liners in the business, and calls the fastest timeouts. If his team is trailing 5-2, he wants to talk about it. But that's not the issue here. After a strong early season that included a victory over Arizona, the Cavaliers are 1-7 in the ACC, and have given up

208 points in their past two losses, to North Carolina and Providence.

That's never good, but is especially bad when in-state newcomer Virginia Tech is 5-3 in the league. Gillen has six years left on his contract, but all signs point to a buyout.

Herb Sendek, North Carolina State: A perennial hot-seater. The Wolfpack have won just three of their past nine games, and during that time lost consecutive games to St. John's, West Virginia and Miami.

Are victories over Maryland and Georgia Tech enough to keep the faithful Sendek's back? Since this is the ACC, the schedule is pretty brutal the rest of the way, and nobody's focused on Sendek making the NCAA tournament the past two years, not when those two other schools around the corner are in the top 10. A bad sign for Sendek: Dick Vitale always feels the need to publicly defend him. A better sign: Raleigh News and Observer writer Caulton Tudor wrote a column this week listing all the reasons N.C. State should keep Sendek.

Henry Bibby, Southern Cal: His seat turned out to be hottest of all. He didn't finish his first month on the job. Losing at La Salle was the last straw for a coach who made few friends.

Quin Snyder, Missouri: A combination of X-and-O failures and ethical lapses have Snyder on the brink. John Chaney has this saying: Some guys are in a hurry to get to heaven.

Holy Cross edges Navy

The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Keith Simmons came off the bench to score 10 points — 14 in the second half — to help Holy Cross defeat Navy 68-66 on Friday.

Pat Doherty hit back-to-back three-pointers to give the Crusaders a 67-58 lead with 2:08 to

play. But the Crusaders' (16-5, 9-1) missed five of six free throws in the final two minutes while Navy (6-15, 2-6) went on an 8-1 run.

A basket and two free throws by Corey Johnson closed the deficit to 68-66 with eight seconds left. After a steal, Navy's David Rhoiny missed a shot with four seconds remaining. After the Crusaders' John Hurley missed two free throws with six-tenths of a second left, Navy's desperado Bailey court shot was wide.

Johnson led Navy with 17

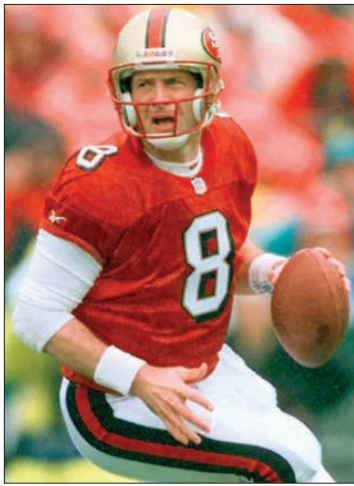
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Hall pass for quarterbacks



AP photos

Don Marino (left) and Steve Young (right) both received at least 90 percent of the votes in balloting for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Marino holds the career record for passing yards and TD passes. Young will be the first left-handed, modern-era quarterback in the Hall.

Marino, Young lead foursome to Canton

Y BARRY WILNER
The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Steve Young was a high school senior being recruited by Army when he stood on the sideline at West Point and watched a freshman for Pitt named Dan Marino.

"I saw him throw an 18-yard out and thought, 'I'm never going to play in college,'" Young said.

Of course, he did — and then the pros. So did Marino, and on Saturday two of the NFL's best quarterbacks were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"It's an incredible honor," said Marino, the most prolific passer in league history. "It's humbling to think of growing up wanting to be a professional football player."

"Mom and Dad, it's a long way from Parkview Avenue," he said, referring to where he grew up in Pittsburgh.

And a long way from Greenwich, Conn., where Young was raised before heading west to Utah to play for Brigham Young.

"I had a college coach, LaVell Edwards,



Defending Steve Young (left) and Dan Marino (right) was no laughing matter for opponents.

who took a chance on a wild, crazy left-handed running quarterback from Connecticut," he said.

That crazy kid is now the first modern-era lefty QB in the Hall.

Yet another quarterback, Benny Friedman, and Fritz Pollard joined Marino and Young in the Class of 2005. They will be inducted on Aug. 7 in Canton, Ohio.

"Let's overrun Canton with Dolphins fans," Marino said. "I invite you all to Canton and to have some fun."

Each received at least 80 percent of the votes from the panel of 39 sports writers and broadcasters. Friedman and Pollard were nominated by the senior committee and chosen by the entire panel.

Michael Irvin and Harry Carson, the other two finalists, did not get the required votes for induction.

When Marino left the Dolphins after the 1999 season, he had NFL records for completions (4,967), passes (8,358), yards (61,361) and touchdowns (420). His record of 48 TD passes in a season was broken this season by Peyton Manning.

Marino was that rare rookie quarterback who had an impact, even though he was the sixth QB chosen in the first round of the 1983 draft. Two others from that class, John Elway and Jim Kelly, already are in the Hall.

Marino credited Hall of Famer Don Shula, the winningest coach in NFL history: "I remember coming in, he put a lot of pressure on

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